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FDR, Winner and Champion, Tallies 413 Votes, Dewey 118

WASHINGTON. — Franklin Delano Roosevelt is the winner and still the champion. He won 413 electoral votes to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's 118.

It was the third time Roosevelt has laid his title on the line and winning became the first man in American history to take a 16-year lease on the White House.

The slug-fest for the Presidency was closer than the electoral votes indicate. In Dewey, President Roosevelt found a tough opponent—an opponent who slugged it out with the champ on every issue.

Despite the electoral college landslide, President Roosevelt polled the smallest percentage of votes he has received in four races for this nation's highest office.

In 1932 he polled 59.1 per cent of the popular vote, in 1936 59.9, in 1940 54.9 and this year about 53 per cent. His popular vote will probably be about 3,000,000 more than Dewey's when the total votes are counted.

With the service voters Roosevelt was an overwhelming favorite. The ballots cast around the world indicate that FDR is okay with over 70 per cent of the men and women in uniform. Less than 30 per cent of the fighting men and women thought it was "time for a change" and strung along with the GOP candidate.

Commenting on the election, President Roosevelt said that what is "really important" about the election results is that "we have again demonstrated to the world that democracy is a living, vital force; that our faith in American institutions is unshaken, that conscience and not force is the source of power in the government of man."



—Signal Corps Photo

TEDDY BEAR comes off the shelf for Capt. James C. Hall, of a Field Artillery unit, doing a bit of early Christmas shopping in Marseilles, France. With him are Sgt. Charles J. Lefevre, who already has selected a doll, and Cpl. Jerry S. Davis.

Seek to Save Disabled Vets Payments From Foreclosure

WASHINGTON.—Rescuing compensation payments of disabled veterans from possible attachment by the Federal Government for repayment of loans for farms, homes and small businesses will be early business for the Congress when it reconvenes.

Demos Given Margins In Senate and House

WASHINGTON. — With safe Democratic margins in both Senate and House, and with a number of pronounced noninterventionists and coalitionists eliminated, there is every indication that President Roosevelt for the next four years will have a Congress sentimentally favorable to his policies.

In the Senate, three figures pronounced in their anti-Roosevelt policies have been eliminated—Gerald P. Nye, of North Dakota; "Puddler Jim" Davis, of Pennsylvania, and John A. Danaher, of Connecticut. Guy M. Gillette, Democratic Senator from Iowa, who repeatedly jumped over the traces on international matters, also was among the also rans.

Leader of the isolationists in the House, Stephan A. Day, was beaten in Illinois.

Party division in the Senate will have at least 57 Democrats, 38 Republicans and 1 Progressive.

In the House, Democrats gained at least 30 seats and will have safe control with no less than 248 of the 435 seats. Most surprising upset in the House was the defeat of Hamilton Fish, bitter Roosevelt critic, after a career of 24 years.

Under continued leadership of Senator Barkley and Speaker Rayburn, the two Houses are expected to fall in not only with any proposed war and peace program ad-

This will have to come through legislative doctoring of the GI Bill of Rights which, by the interpretation of the Veterans Administration, allows the Government not only to foreclose on the property partly financed by loan, but also calls for diverting the veterans' disability compensation payments to repayment of the debt until it has been fully met.

The Veterans Administration discloses that under its interpretation of the law such an attachment is possible. The American Legion, which was sponsor of the

Demands Joes Get Break In Surplus Sale

KANSAS CITY.—Laws guaranteeing men in the armed forces equal opportunity with civilians in purchasing surplus war goods will be demanded of the next Congress by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The legislation would postpone sale of the materials until the return of the servicemen and thus permit thousands of them to realize their aim of going into a small business, pointed out Jean A. Brunner, Forest Hills, N. Y., commander-in-chief of the VFW.

"Civilian buyers now are getting all the breaks," he charged. "The government bought these commodities with money obtained through the sale of war bonds to both the civilians and men in uniform," he said. "The present discrimination is unfair."

Brunner asserted the servicemen should have a chance to buy direct from the government—"not from profit-hungry speculators. If anyone is to benefit from the forced sales, it should be the men who have done the fighting."

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Siegfried Line Battle Seesaws

WASHINGTON. — The Germans are making a desperate defense of their homeland in western Europe, fighting bitterly, throwing in everything they have to stop American advances along the Siegfried line.

Seesaw tank and infantry battles have featured the American 1st Army's attacks east of Aachen in their attempt to clear the Hurtgen forest and advance into the Cologne plain. The battle for the town of Vossenach has been in some respects comparable with that for Aachen, with the Yanks getting part of the town, being driven out, and again regaining their positions. Hand to hand fighting has featured the operation.

At the south end of the German defense line Americans and Yanks have pushed ahead from two to three miles, against similar desperate opposition, toward the Vosges passes into Germany.

Steadily the Nazi forces are being

cleared from Holland. In the southwest Netherlands the last enemy units south of the Maas river are being wiped out. The British and Canadians have captured virtually all of the hotly-contested Walcheren island in the Schelde estuary. Alarmed mine sweepers and dredges are clearing the estuary so that shipping may make use of Antwerp docks for the bringing in of supplies. In southeast Holland a powerful German counterattack drove British and American forces back for some distance, but the former positions are being regained.

In Greece the remaining Nazis have been driven to within five miles of the Yugoslavian border and the campaign to clear the country is virtually over.

RUSSIANS GAINING BUDAPEST

Continuing their rapid advance through Hungary the Russians have control of a large section of Budapest, with the Nazis fleeing across the Danube. In the north a desperate German defense has held the Red armies to small advances in East Prussia.

In the Philippines the Yanks have advanced through the mountain region toward Ormoc and the finale of the campaign for that island. Jap reinforcements have been brought in but have been able to contribute little. Jap losses have been terrific.

Two day raids on Manila cost the Japs at least two warships, with six others damaged, and at least 450 planes. Jap air fields on other Philippine islands have been heavily damaged by bombing raids.

In China the Japs have launched (See "Siegfried," page 5)

Nazis Told In Booklets How To Surrender

WASHINGTON.—A rain of 50,000 instructional leaflets telling the enemy how he can surrender, why he should and how he will be treated—have been dropped by American planes in Nazi-held territory since D-Day.

Reports from the front say that from 40 to 75 per cent of the Nazis captured possess the leaflets or have read them.

To offset this attack of the Psychological Warfare Division, the Germans have set up special organizations to collect the instructions, have placed explosives in bundles of the discovered leaflets and have taken other stern measures. Especially among German allies have the leaflets been effective.

The messages are contained in a cylinder that is dropped from the plane. The case explodes a certain distance from the ground, scattering the papers. A 300-pound bomb contains 80,000 leaflets. No planes have been lost on these missions.

Gourmet Vote Sure For Big Apple-Pie Platform

Had he been a candidate on a national ticket, Dr. George Barton Cutten, Colgate University president emeritus, might have been a heavy voting choice of pastry-starved GI Joes and Janes. The doctor disclosed that his lifelong secret ambition has been to sponsor a law making it a misdemeanor to bake an apple pie less than 24 inches across and a felony to cut it in more than four pieces.

When political polls are taken in Russiaville, Ind., there's one citizen the pollsters can chalk in the GOP column without troubling to pop the question. He's John Ratcliff, 101 years old, who cast his first Presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, then for Dewey in 1944, and in between voted for every Republican candidate.

Chicago election officials were puzzled when they thought the elderly man wanted to vote incognito. They had never heard of such a thing, but he finally made his position clear, received a ballot and voted. His name was Vito D'Inocognito.

Not all citizens of Holyoke, Mass., were tuned in on Roosevelt and Dewey political speeches last Saturday night. Rudolph J. Wickel, of Verona, N. J., while guest of the "Truth and Consequences" program in New York, was told that \$1000 in silver dollars had been buried by the sponsors at the corner of Prospect and Walnut streets in Holyoke and that the little fortune awaited him. Wickel hopped a train, but when he reached the spot, the (See "Gourmet," page 5)

75,000 Planes in AAF; Greatest Air Force

WASHINGTON.—The present overall strength of the American Air Forces is approximately 75,000 planes, it was revealed by a high AF official this week.

This makes it possible to maintain overseas a force of 12,000 first-line combat planes, constituting the largest fighting aerial force in the world. "No other air force has ever reached that figure of first-

line planes in the hands of combat squadrons," the official said.

In addition to this, approximately 2500 second-line combat planes, which can be used as transports or in communication work, and 6000 other planes, which are held as "ready reserves," are also overseas, in addition to a large number tied up in maintenance depots and repair shops.

Including all aircraft held in reserve for replacements and future operations, the Air Forces have on hand 23,000 combat planes of all types.

An official count this week showed that 1200 combat planes are en route to overseas theaters, about 800 are on the way to aerial ports of debarkation and 400 more are en route from factories to AAF centers, where combat crews are brought up to strength. Seventy other planes designed for overseas were grounded by bad weather and emergency repair work.

Another Citation For 37th Inf. Div. Unit

WITH THE 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in the Southwest Pacific.—Announcement by Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall of a Presidential Citation for the Cavalry reconnaissance troop of the 37th Infantry Division brings to six the total number of units in the division thus cited.

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NURSES also have had to don woolens in France, where wintry weather has set in. Lt. Evelyn Thomson has just received her "warmys" at a Quartermaster depot in a recently liberated French city.

Distance Makes Shuttle-Bombing Of Japan Unlikely

WASHINGTON—Shuttle-bombing of the Japanese homeland by B-29 Superfortresses, using bases in China and on the Philippine islands of Leyte and Samar, as suggested in some quarters, has been considered unprofitable and impracticable for time being at least, an official of the Air Forces said this week.

Because of the extreme distance involved, the official said, it would be much more practicable to continue bombing Japan from the present bases in China rather than to attempt shuttle flights.

The comment was brought out by Jap reports of reconnaissance flights over Tokyo this week by B-29s. No bombs were dropped but numbers of the Jap people were apparently badly panicked.

Robot Attacks on State 'Possible,' Army-Navy Sa

WASHINGTON—Robot bomb attacks against the continental United States are "entirely possible," the War and Navy Departments said in a joint statement issued in response to press inquiries this week.

It was made clear, however, that the statement was made in response to questions raised by the press, and not in any way as a warning.

The robot bombs might be launched from submarines lying off shore or from one-way sacrifice flights of long range bombers controlled across the Atlantic by submarines, the statement said. It is also possible, it noted, that attacks might be launched from catapult plane tenders.

"Any such attacks could have no great military effectiveness," the statement continued, "and could only serve to stimulate the nation still further in its determined prosecution of the war. It is extremely doubtful that such attacks could entirely elude Allied sea and air

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The People Have Spoken!

THE United States' second wartime election is now history. Franklin Delano Roosevelt has been elected president for the fourth time and, God willing, will be the first man in this nation's history to occupy the White House sixteen years.

The people have passed judgment. They have voted for the man they wanted as their leader. Their verdict has been accepted by the candidates. Verbal shillalahs have been packed away for another four years.

Despite the sobering influence of the war it has been politics as usual. Politics as only the citizens of this democracy can play the game. Although the campaign started off slowly it gained speed and heat until the air waves were blistered during the final month of politicing.

Names were called. Gossip and whispers spread across the nation. Mud-slinging was the order of the day. To peoples of other lands the campaign was not understandable. To Americans it was good sport—a game which ended with the usual heart-felt congratulations to the winners and a pat on the back for the losers.

It is of tremendous importance to this nation that its administrative and legislative leaders be reminded regularly that there is a minority party. They were reminded in no uncertain terms by the voters at this election.

It is also well that issues facing a government of the people be brought before those people regularly. In this election they were, and to the delight of most citizens both parties agreed on policies pertaining to the war and future peace.

President Roosevelt faces a tough, hard job. He has great opportunities and heavy responsibilities. The next four years will bring America victory in war and must bring America victory in peace.

President Roosevelt has also promised: To bring the fighting men home promptly as soon as the war ends.

To gear the country's economics to provide jobs and opportunities for all Americans.

To encourage the expansion of industries under the philosophy of free enterprise and the profit system.

To prosecute monopolies.

In order to achieve these goals, President Roosevelt will need the full cooperation of the millions who voted for him and the millions who voted against him. He will get that cooperation because Americans are not divided as to principles and objectives. Their division in this election was on the emphasis given to the various objectives, on methods to be pursued, on the personalities of the candidates.

Mr. Roosevelt was the majority's choice.

Service Jobs Offer Opportunities!

The emphasis being placed on the part industry and agriculture will play in the rehabilitation of returning veterans has made many people forget that in normal times over fifty per cent of the people are employed in service jobs.

It is in these service jobs that a veteran has the greatest opportunity to use initiative, imagination and energy. It is in these fields that a bright young man can achieve the success in the American tradition.

In the industrial field the foresight and planning are largely in the hands of those that head the industries. They are making plans for the returning veteran—plans which will materially help in building a better America.

In agriculture the returning veteran will find considerable opportunity—opportunities which can be traced to a great extent to the migration of farmers from rural areas to the cities in search of war-time prosperity.

Service jobs work hand-in-glove with industry and agriculture. The war savings of millions of Americans will be spent as soon as peacetime commodities, such as automobiles, radios, refrigerators, washing machines and vacuum cleaners, are made available once again.

The distribution of these commodities as well as many war-developed products demands the services of salesmen. The maintenance of the sold products will need the attention of skilled technicians. These are the fields in which millions of service men and women will find the opportunity they seek.

Those who aspire to be employers, rather than employees, can take advantage of the loan feature of the GI Bill of Rights in setting up a business of their own.



At Your Service

Q. Is it true that when I am discharged from the Army, I have to report to my Selective Service board? Must I go personally? Pfc. J. R. N.

A. You must report within five days of discharge. You do so in person or by letter.

Q. What is the amount of mustering-out pay a veteran will receive on discharge? Pvt. M. B. M.

A. Those who serve less than 60 days receive \$100; 60 days or more, but no foreign service, \$200; 60 days or more, and foreign service, \$300. No mustering-out pay will be given to men receiving base pay (not counting foggies) of more than \$200 a month at time of discharge.

Q. If a service man wants to keep up his National Service Life Insurance after discharge, can he pay the premiums monthly if he wishes? Cpl. G. M. J.

A. He may pay them monthly, quarterly, semi-monthly or annually. Checks or money orders are made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and sent to the Collections Subdivision, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

Q. I have been out of the Army for some time and have acquired a disability which unfit me for my work as a steamfitter. Is there any help I can get in the way of training for some other kind of job? R. M. J.

A. Apply to your State Board of Vocational Education for guidance, special training and placement. The local Superintendent of Schools, or the nearest U. S. Employment Service office can give you the address of the nearest Vocational Rehabilitation Officer of your State.

Q. Suppose a soldier who is declared "surplus" under the Army demobilization plan has no job waiting for him here at home; will that hold up his discharge? Mrs. A. M. G.

A. No; the plan stipulates that the prospect or lack of civilian employment will in no way affect the prospect of a man's discharge from service.

Q. I served on the Alcan Highway around Fairbanks, Alaska; am I supposed to wear any citation? G. B. S.

A. You are entitled to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon. In addition, some engineer regiments on the Alcan received citations.

Q. In making application for continuing my education, which was interrupted by my entrance into the service, do I apply at the school

An Information Service on GI matters of all kinds.

Answers will be furnished through this column to questions on allotments, compensation claims, demobilization, hospitalization, vocational training, reemployment, educational rights, insurance, pensions, loans, civil service preference rights, income tax deferments, veterans' organizations, legislation—anything pertaining to the needs and welfare, rights and privileges of servicemen and women, veterans and their dependents.

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that I want to attend, or make the application through the Veterans Administration? Lt. E. O. H.

A. You can choose an approved educational institution and make application there, and the school will forward the necessary papers to the Veterans Administration; or you may go direct to any Regional Office of the Veterans Administration and make the application. That office will have a counselor, who will help you in selecting an educational institution, if you wish such advice and assistance.

Q. Exactly where will the service men who are to be demobilized when Germany is defeated receive their honorable discharges? E. B. G.

A. In Army separation centers. There will be 18 such centers throughout the U. S. and the policy will be to discharge a soldier as close to his home as possible.

Q. Is a serviceman on furlough entitled to travel at reduced railroad rates? Pvt. J. R. D.

A. Yes, his reduced fare is approximately 1 1/4 cents a mile for round-trip fares.

Q. I am the divorced wife of a service man, unmarried and had been receiving alimony under the court decree from him up to the time of his induction. Am I entitled to a monthly allowance?

A. Yes, a former wife divorced may obtain monthly family allowance if she has not remarried and if alimony has been decreed and is still payable to her.

Q. May an enlisted man in the Army allot all of his service pay to dependents if he wishes to do so? Cpl. M. J. J.

A. He may allot such part of his base, longevity, foreign-service pay, and monetary allowances for dependents as will leave, after all deductions have been made, a balance of \$10 per month, or such greater amount as may be necessary for his personal needs. Aviation pay or additional pay for parachute duty may not be allotted.

Letters

Gentlemen:

We are American servicemen now overseas.

We believe there should be an organization among the service men and women of this War, formed on a fraternal, non-partisan basis, for the purpose of continuing after the War the fellowship we have formed during it.

We read of organizations of this type starting up in the States. What is the GI opinion on the idea?

Personally we think there should be one organization, not three or four, and that organization should be made of the young men and women of this War.

Anyway we would like to get the ball rolling.

Could you help us with a little information, and some expression of popular opinion on the subject.

T/5 Thomas J. Evey
Pfc. John L. Fraser

Somewhere in France

(Although there are approximately 90 World War II organizations in existence they all apparently lack the necessary leadership to make any one of them a World War II American Legion and little is known about them. Army Times would like to get the ball rolling by asking every interested service man or woman to send in his or her ideas of what kind of an organization is needed and how it should be organized. This popular opinion will be invaluable in setting up the desired organization.—Ed.)

Gentlemen:

I thought you may be interested in an order we received from France not long after D-day in which a soldier wrote of seeing our ad in a copy of Army Times which he found among the hedgerows. Army Times certainly gets around. Parkside Florists.

Gentlemen:

This little beef is being written in reference to question number "3" Army Quiz, dated 26 August, 1944. Your answer to the above question was "The 7th Army was formerly in Italy."

Being veterans of the Sicilian and Italian Campaigns, we beg to differ with you. After the Sicilian Campaign the headquarters of the 7th Army remained in Sicily until the invasion of Southern France. Units with the 7th fought in the Italian Campaign, but were not part of that Army. It is our desire that you correct this slight infraction.

Two Mad GI's
APO 45, New York.
(Army Times' quizman erred.—Ed.)

Gentlemen:

In regard to your article in the July 15, '44, issue of Army Times, we wish to beg the pardon of Corporal D'Elia, Somewhere in Italy. First of all, his theater of operations is entirely different from ours. He is to outsmart the Germans and we the Japs. Evidently, we are fighting different wars in a sense of the word. Corporal D'Elia is in a theater where, when the situation demands, firing is ceased and lines communicated between.

Does this happen in this theater? NO. We are in combat, I dare say, just as much as the above-named Corporal. In this theater, what is known as a perimeter is set up. The supply sergeant is located in the center of the so-called perimeter and is guarded by all others of a Company. As to the clerks sitting in those buildings Cpl. D'Elia mentions, well, first show us buildings, towns and civilization such as Cpl. D'Elia is used to having and we will not gripe.

Next, show us the supply sergeant who goes to the front and we will be satisfied. After all, there are medal flings in all operations and undoubtedly that is one of the reasons the supply sergeant Cpl. D'Elia has in mind for going to the front. Cpl. D'Elia is used to having and we will not gripe.

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Bustling Passenger Terminals Were at One Time Battle Fronts

A CENTRAL PACIFIC AIR BASE. Names that caught yesterday's headlines as sanguinary Pacific eachheads and battle fronts today the bustling passenger terminals and cargo stations for the large airliners of the Air Transport Command's Pacific Division that readily fly a war of supply against the enemy.

Each station has a story to tell. Story of runways wrested from the Japs—or advance combat engineers moving in, under the smoke of battle, to clear away the rubble and oil in the craters pitting the bomb-blasted airstrip—or how, under the supervision of Brig. Gen. William D. Ryan, commanding the Pacific Division of ATC, the Japanese-built airfield soon became another vital base for the men and planes of the Air Transport Command to press the enemy still further back on his imperial haunches. There is also a story to tell of the men and women that stop briefly on its hangar line enroute to their roles in war.

At night the hangar line fronting the passenger office is like some great stage. The darkness is broken only by light flaring down from huge flood lamps that cast an eerie halo over planes and passengers, each of whom could take the mind and pen into strange places.

TRANSPORT EXUDES LIFE

A tug, pulling a string of cars heavy with freight, rattles up to a silent sky giant, and men, quiet in their task, load the precious cargo destined for some far-famed front.

As the last piece of baggage is towed away and the tug rattles off to the night, the big transport comes to life coughing thirstily for the powerful gasoline that soon soothes its engines into a smooth roar.

A small knot of USA entertainers in their way to perform for the men in advance combat areas stand under one of the lights signing short shorter bills.

Laughter can be heard from a bunch of young-yet-old-fliers going home on leave after 50 missions against the enemy.

A Major General stands in the door of the passenger office talking quietly to his chief of staff.

An Australian, in natty blues, exchanges cigarettes with an American sailor whose sleeve insignia proclaims him a man of submarines.

ON SAD MISSION

Sitting quietly against the base of the hangar is a sergeant of infantry, judging by his uniform, and fresh from battle, as is evidenced by his stained clothing and weary eyes. He folds and refolds a worn telegram sending him home on emergency furlough. Death? . . . Sickness? . . . You don't ask at a time like this . . . but you know he'll get home as quickly as possible.

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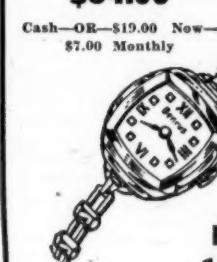
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WITH U. S. AIRBORNE FORCES IN HOLLAND.—When the 505th Parachute Infantry spearheaded the Allied airborne invasion of the Netherlands with their drop near the town of Groesbeek, Holland, just across the border from the German stronghold in the Reich Wald, Sgt. Joseph H. Lee, of Beaumont, Tex., knew about what to expect. He had been thoroughly briefed on the situation and knew the German battle tactics, having fought the Nazis in Sicily, Italy and Normandy.

Groesbeek's liberation was the first mission of Company H, the company of which Sergeant Lee is a member. The town was quickly entered and the small amount of resistance quelled. From there the

company moved to defensive positions around the city and dug in hurriedly. Momentarily, they expected a counter-attack from the bewildered Germans who had so quickly evacuated the town.

SITUATION PERILOUS

That night, the expected thrust came. Evidently the Nazis were still dazed, because the attempt was a feeble one. Nightly, they grew stronger with more lasting power and strategy. One night, a strong force of German paratroopers acting as ground troops with a reinforcement of armor attacked and beat back the unit on the left flank of Sergeant Lee's position, thus penetrating the left flank of the 3rd battalion in the vicinity of an important road block. The situation became perilous.

Lee was equal to the occasion. Deploying his squad under cover of darkness through fierce concentrations of artillery, mortar and small-arms fire, Lee crawled from position to position, directing fire and giving encouragement. Thus he kept the line intact throughout the night.

Just prior to the dawn the enemy began its withdrawal, after suffering heavy losses, using two armored cars to cover them. Not content to let the enemy escape without further casualties, Lee pursued them for a distance of 300 yards to a spot where he knew there was an isolated 50-caliber machine gun. Quickly putting the gun into operation, he opened up on the fleeing Nazis. Through a curtain of 20-mm cannon and small-arms fire thrown back at him, Lee knocked out both of the armored vehicles, wounding and killing many of them. The few remaining succeeded in escaping, leaving their dead behind.

WITH THE EIGHTH INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE.—Patience is a virtue with Tinsley V. Landrum, of the Eighth Infantry Division—especially when blasting Germans with TNT.

A certain Kraut pillbox recently was proving particularly annoying to Landrum's company, and forward movement was completely stymied until somebody did something about it. So Landrum secured a heavy charge of TNT, crawled up to the side of the concrete emplacement, lit the fuse and made a wild dash back to his slit trench.

"I waited for a couple of min-

utes," he said, "and nothing happened."

So he repeated the treatment, again creeping up to the snug little Heinie home and placing a bigger charge, once more safely beating it back to his hole. Still no results.

"Something must have been screwed up with the charges or fuses, or something," the Georgian related later. "Anyway, I'd started the thing so I had to finish it."

So for the third time he made his way to the pillbox, placed a still larger charge alongside the two duds, lit the fuse and remained there a second or so until he made sure it was ignited. This time he didn't get back to his foxhole before the roar of the detonation shook the earth, and brick and plaster showered down upon him.

Motioning the rest of the company to follow, Landrum bee-lined for the entrance to the ruined fortification. Just as he entered it he bumped into a pair of battered, bleeding Jerries foggily attempting to evacuate the smoking building. When his mates arrived, Landrum had the pair pinned to the ground.

Horton Smith, Noted Golf Star, Is With Army Athletic Branch

WASHINGTON.—Horton Smith, Air Corps, former Ryder Cup star, has been assigned to duty with the recently formed Athletic Branch of the Army Special Services Division with headquarters in New York city. In his new assignment, he will organize many of the Army's special athletic projects for overseas theaters, including the organization, processing and supervision of athletic exhibition teams and units in all fields of sports.

Lieutenant Smith brings to his new duties one of golfdom's greatest reputations. He was made a Ryder Cup Team member in 1929 at the age of 20—the youngest team member in its history. He was a Ryder Cup player through 1939 when play was discontinued because of the war. From 1939 to 1942 he was one of the ten members of the Wartime Exhibition Ryder Cup Team.

SIEGFRIED

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a new drive down the Hunan-Kwanhsia railroad toward Lieuchow, the rail center of Kwangsi province. Kweiulin is still in Chinese hands, though the Japs are said to be in the suburbs of the city.

In Burma the British have crushed enemy resistance south of Tiddim and are advancing on Fort White on the last main Jap escape route in the region.

Army Quiz

1. American soldiers in the Philippines will be likely to come in contact with Tagalog. Is it—

A. A form of food served in the islands?

B. An ancient religious faith?

C. The original Filipino language?

2. Hungary claims it and until recently has had it. Rumania once had it and wants it again. Last week the Russians had it and were in it. What is it?

3. The standard steel-pierced plank mat has been largely used for surfacing airfields overseas. How much of this would you think had been produced in the United States?

A. A million square feet?

B. Six million feet?

C. A billion square feet?

4. A War Department announcement last week stated that the Deputy Chief of Staff had been assigned to the Mediterranean theater as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander. Do you know who it is?

5. Whole blood donated in Washington, New York and Boston is being flown to France and used shortly after arrival for transfusion for wounded soldiers. How long would you think it is from the time the blood leaves the United States until it is used?

A. One week?

B. Three days?

C. 24 hours?

6. Maj. C. S. Bryan, of the Quartermaster General's office, told last week how much food the Quartermaster Corps keeps on hand regularly to feed the Army. Would you say it is—

A. 750,000,000 pounds?

B. 2,600,000,000 pounds?

C. 6,320,000,000,000 pounds?

7. "Thousands of Nazi prisoners have been taken by the several Allied armies in France." How many prisoners would you say were captured from D-day up to Oct. 28?

A. 143,670?

B. 427,006?

C. 637,544?

8. K Company of the 91st Division in France has organized a new club, under the name KKKK. Would you know what the letters stand for and the qualifications for membership?

9. A large percentage of Army men wounded in combat recover. Would you say it was—

A. 96 per cent?

B. 73 per cent?

C. 45 per cent?

10. Do you know the number of Jap warships sunk, against American ships, in the recent naval battle in the Philippines?

(See "Quiz Answers," page 19)



—Signal Corps Photo

"THEATER," in which Marlene Dietrich entertained troops of an Infantry unit, was a barn located in a French town, which on the previous night had been shelled by the Nazis. Following her performance, the glamorous film star obliged the admiring GIs by signing her autograph. Sgt. Stanley R. Strurys, fared much better than his buddies, being favored with a kiss just as the actress left the barn.

Patience Rewarded For GI As He Blasts 2 Nazis With TNT

Consume Lots Of Water, But They'd Enjoy Good Bath

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.

In three months, 91st Infantry Division GIs drank, cooked with, washed with, or in other ways consumed enough water to fill an 11-foot-deep swimming pool the size of a football field.

According to the statistics released by a division staff section, the 91st used 3,703,955 gallons of water from July 12 to October 12. To the arithmetically minded, the weight of the water would be 14,815 tons and would require 4,938 trucks each carrying three tons, to haul.

All of which means that each 91st doughboy used about 270 gallons in the three months period or, to break it down further, three gallons a day.

Which is a lot of water, but the lads would like to experience a real showerbath or a bathtub for change.

GOURMET

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local gentry, some in pajamas, had beaten him to the excavation. Under law, buried treasures belong to finders.

To relieve the financial headache in Greece, the Government has just administered its people potent aspirins in the form of drachma notes of 100 billion denominations. An Athens broadcast reported the "monetary Doctors" had prescribed the new currency in order to "facilitate trade and terminate payment difficulties."

Cadet Nurse Rachel Naomi Williams, of the Atlanta, Ga., Fourth Service Command, was just 18 on election day. She cast her first vote, was acclaimed by a radio chain as the nation's youngest voter, and was featured on a CBS program along with a resident of Sulphur, Okla., the nation's oldest voter.

There's a political "Mr. Big" in the small town of Fairfield, Idaho. Candidate for a judgeship, he carried a display ad in the weekly newspaper on election eve reading: "I am running for Judge and, if elected, will serve faithfully and to the best of my ability. However, my opponent also is an honest and capable man."

With today's Army-Notre Dame grid classic in New York sold out months ago, a desperate Buffalo, N. Y., fan inserted an ad which read: "I have an extra room at Hotel Pennsylvania, but no tickets. If you have two extra tickets, but no room, I'll swap, or if you prefer, I will swap popular brands of cigarettes for tickets. Box V. 24, News office."

Invasion Money Bounces Like A Rubber Check

WASHINGTON.—Although invasion money is as good as gold in the country for which it was issued, merchants in the United States have found it to be as worthless as a lead quarter or a Confederate note.

In the country for which it was issued the money has all the money in Uncle Sam's mint behind it—but once it has arrived in the states it is just so much fancily printed paper. That's it, unless a soldier is carrying it.

It's all rather confusing. According to the Treasury Department invasion money, officially known as supplemental franked money, cannot be used or cashed in this country except by a returning serviceman, who must present a certificate that he received the money in overseas service and due to circumstances was unable to "cash it" before his return.

Business firms catering to the soldier trade dislike the necessity for returning invasion money enclosed in an order for merchandise. They would appreciate it very much if the soldiers would buy money orders or PTA transfer.

PUG MIXER IS DOUGH MIXER

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE.—T/Sgt. Anthony Kramer, of Cincinnati, a former professional middleweight boxer, now is "mixing it" with a U. S. Army bakery company in France.

Kramer, who fought such big-time opponents as Jimmy Bivins, Sammy Angott and Anton Christofondis, is chief baker in his unit.

His ring career, Kramer said, was actually a sideline. During the time he decided Christofondis, one-time light-heavyweight champion, and lost to Bivins and Angott, Sgt. Kramer was working regularly as a baker at the Hotel Netherlands Plaza in Cincinnati.

New Army Battle Honors Bring War II Total to 26

WASHINGTON.—Six battles and campaigns have been added to the final list of the United States Army, the War Department announces, bringing the number for the present war to 26. Participants in the officially designated operations are entitled to wear bronze stars on the appropriate theater service ribbons.

At the same time, two previously designated campaigns were removed, and time limitations for them were set.

The additions to the list are as follows:

ROME-ARNO—Italy, Corsica and adjacent waters from Jan. 22, 1944.

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION—The Philippine Islands and adjacent waters from Oct. 17, 1944, to a final date to be announced later.

The changes in designation were from, "Italy" to "Naples-Foggia," from Aug. 18, 1943, (air) and Sept. 9, 1943, (ground) to Jan. 21, 1944; and from "Western Europe" to "Normandy" from June 6, 1944, to July 24, 1944.

The other 18 battles and campaigns, previously placed on the battle honors list, are: Central Pacific; Philippine Islands; East Indies; Papua; New Guinea; Guadalcanal; Northern Solomons; Burma, 1942; India-Burma; China; Aleutians; Air Offensive, Europe; Egypt-Libya; Algeria-French Morocco; Tunisia; Sicily; Mandated Islands, and Bismarck Archipelago. Specific boundaries of areas are given in War Department General Orders.

Announcement of the additions to the list of officially recognized battles and campaigns brings the number in the war to nearly double the number in the World War, when there were 14 major operations in which American soldiers participated. All but one of those 14 were in France.

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In New York, a state organization has been virtually completed. Other states are expected to follow closely. The overall design is to insure that the disabled veteran gets all that is coming to him.

Music With GI Chow

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Music during the dinner hour—that's the latest innovation here. It probably won't be a daily feature, but everybody was happy when the 183d Army Band played a one-hour concert during chow time in Center Headquarters Company area.

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The voting totals listed in these tables were the latest received at election time.

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Electoral Votes	Total Precincts	Precincts Reported	Roosevelt	Dewey
11 Alabama	2300	1275	131035	29657
4 Arizona	438	428	69709	29657
9 Arkansas	2087	685	65371	24124
25 California	14841	13141	1657051	1254602
8 Connecticut	169	169	434841	391349
3 Delaware	250	249	66901	55416
8 Florida	1472	1308	293487	126646
12 Georgia	1375	587	172276	29499
4 Idaho	845	698	91163	85269
28 Illinois	8748	8709	2073338	1930038
11 Kentucky	4299	3803	411795	347167
10 Louisiana	1871	596	129008	30815
8 Maryland	1327	1318	295018	278469
16 Massachusetts	1852	1834	1015038	932245
11 Minnesota	3703	3068	508611	457527
9 Mississippi	1683	918	97599	7674
15 Missouri	4519	4288	720220	682818
4 Montana	1175	1070	108114	88087
3 Nevada	290	231	17420	15586
4 New Hampshire	296	296	120549	110592
16 New Jersey	3658	3646	967617	941819
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47 New York	9124	9114	3310620	3038976
14 North Carolina	1921	1421	429618	187513
10 Oklahoma	3672	3248	353583	287417
6 Oregon	1829	1771	220180	205234
35 Pennsylvania	9208	8192	1791488	1723698
4 Rhode Island	261	260	158814	114108
8 South Carolina	1282	663	65770	3648
12 Tennessee	2300	2154	297208	190223
23 Texas	254	252	686266	150460
4 Utah	870	837	154398	98970
11 Virginia	1714	1651	238186	143884
8 Washington	3163	2515	341941	252530
8 West Virginia	2973	2307	333755	263659

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6 Colorado	1663	1621	208095	252207
13 Indiana	4016	3888	746519	841115
10 Iowa	2466	2466	497376	547823
8 Kansas	2742	2403	227570	352444
5 Maine	627	610	138988	154734
19 Michigan	3843	3670	1001911	1014457
6 Nebraska	2026	2000	213969	301820
4 North Dakota	2251	1818	88397	103235
25 Ohio	9306	9216	1548650	1571989
4 South Dakota	1949	1514	80406	113903
3 Vermont	246	245	53916	71428
12 Wisconsin	3095	2942	617696	637781
3 Wyoming	673	626	49005	50935

Sergeant Makes Good; Lands Fat Bag of Krauts

WITH THE 3RD DIVISION OF 7TH ARMY IN FRANCE.—A brand-new sergeant, Robert W. Duemler of Grand Rapids, Mich., counted six dead Germans, eight prisoners and a destroyed enemy strongpoint after leading his first 3rd Division patrol into German territory.

An observation post of Capt. Hugh H. Bruner's company of the division was getting uncomfortably

sniped at, so Sergeant Duemler volunteered to take nine men—most of them newly arrived replacements—out to clear an enemy-held house that was the scene of all the trouble.

A heavy mortar barrage was laid down to screen the patrol, which then moved out and flanked the house. Two Krauts on outpost duty gave up almost immediately, but other Germans started to outmaneuver the patrol, so it was pulled back for a brief reorganization and reinforcements.

BAZOOKA WAKES 'EM UP

Sergeant Duemler added an automatic rifle and bazooka to his armament and went back into action. Five rounds from the bazooka shook up the occupants of the house and a sixth set fire to the roof. Meanwhile a steady stream of lead was poured into the house, so six occupants made a break for the rear. They were all picked off by the rookie patrollers.

Common sense got the better of Nazi Ideology and the six remaining Germans—including a lieutenant, first sergeant, buck sergeant and two corporals—decided to take us up on our leaflet offer of hot C rations and coffee. Captain Bruner's OP became a much safer spot to work in.

Nazi Sergeant Happy, He's 200,000th PW

The 200,000th prisoner captured by the American first army since D-day was a 57-year-old German sergeant who had spent seven years in the German army, the American Broadcasting Station in Europe reports.

According to the latest procurement figures, the fighting men are being issued gum at the rate of 600,000,000 sticks annually. There are approximately 1,000,000 soldiers living on emergency or combat rations at any given time. Usually the balance of the fighters have access to established mess facilities or some arrangements have been made to serve them foods prepared in mobile kitchen units.

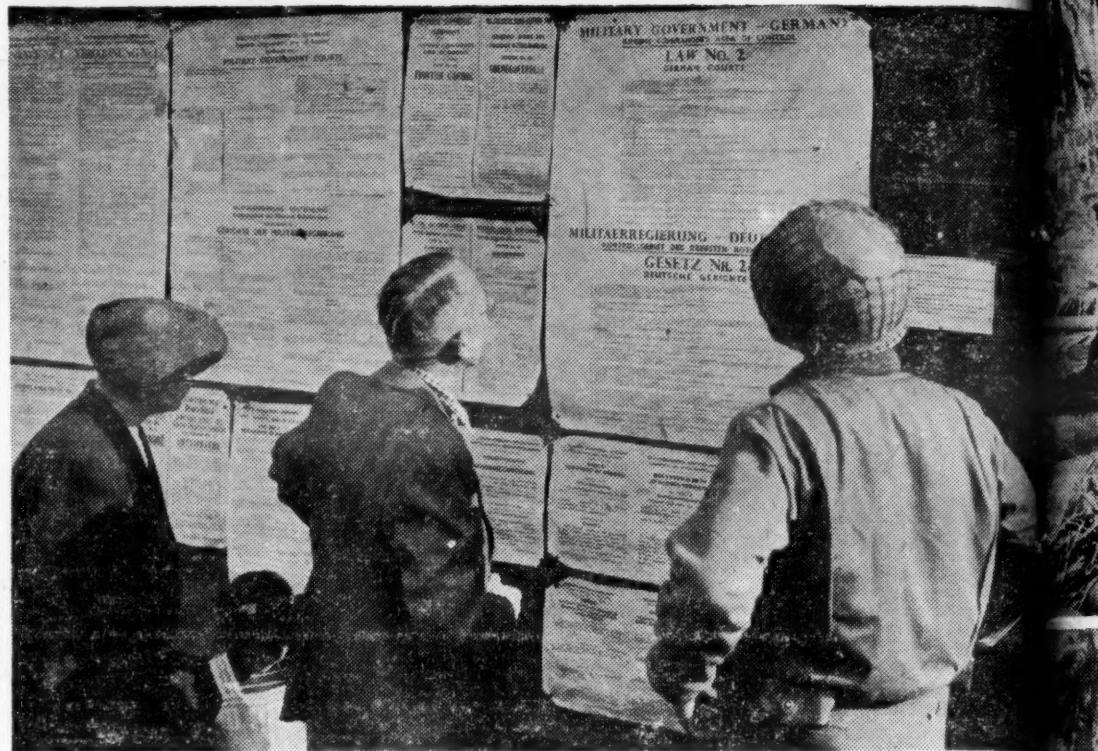
Gum sales through Post Ex-

changes are based on an allow-

ance of 8000 five-stick packages for each 1000 men every 30 days. This figures out as a monthly ration of 40 sticks per man.

ABSIE said that when the German sergeant was told that "you are Prisoner Number 200,000" at the prisoner cage, he "seemed pleased" and said, "our High Command never admitted that. It means the war is so much nearer over."

German Civilians Are Getting Taste of Stern, Just Peace



—Signal Corps Photo

GERMAN civilians stop on their way to church to read the latest military proclamation on bulletin board. A Yank stands by and reads the English translation.

UNITED STATES 1ST ARMY HEADQUARTERS.—The Germans are getting a taste of the stern, just peace Gen. Dwight Eisenhower promised them.

The preuve of what is to come to all the enemy is now being experienced by the Nazis who are among the refugees and displaced persons evicted from their homes by the advance of the 1st Army.

It is a far cry from the greetings extended to the conquering Yanks of the last war when the doughboy was met with beer and skittles and often enough a courtship started that resulted in a fraulein coming to America as a war bride.

Today the Yank gets no opportunity for such business. Germans are enemies. There is no society between the two.

TREAT THEM AS ENEMIES

"And we treat them as enemies,"

said Maj. C. H. Lewis, a Methodist minister of Cincinnati, who is the chief of public welfare to the civil affairs and military government section of the 1st Army staff.

An example of the treatment given is that of a pretty young German girl. She is recuperating in a hospital after having a child born during the fighting at Aachen. She and the infant became separated during evacuation of the city. American soldiers were requested to go into the city and search for the child. No action has yet been taken.

Major Lewis took the position that no search would be made unless a doctor said the woman would die unless she was re-united with the infant. "We are trying to teach these people the consequences of war, and the breaking up of families is one of them. The Ger-

mans have done that to millions of other people. After all, the woman's husband may be in hiding near the town ready to be searched."

USE OWN SUPPLIES

Germans in Allied camps are being required as much as possible to use food from Germany's farms and warehouses. Most of the rest is supplied from captured Nazi supplies. No American supplies have been provided.

Major Lewis described the Germans in the collecting centers as "sullen lot of Huns." Their reaction seems to be one of stolid realization.

The refugees and displaced are sent to billets and camps in the rear areas. Already some 150,000 have been driven from their homes in the Belgian-German area. It is estimated that there are at least 7,500,000 United Nations displaced persons in Germany, addition to the millions of Nazis who will become refugees.

To date, Germans have been kept in camps under guard. There are 1500 in the largest Belgian camp. A larger one is inside Germany.

Nationals of other nations are being returned to their homelands with the exceptions of the Russians. That country has as yet sent no representative to care for its refugees.

Accessory Kit To Troops At Front



"Ye Gods! How'll I ever explain this emergency furlough to the C. O.?"

—Pfc. Chas. Cartwright, ASFTC, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

WASHINGTON — An accessory kit containing articles not obtainable except from Post Exchanges is included in cases of "C" rations being distributed to troops on fighting fronts.

In operations such as those in the South Pacific, soldiers may not have access to post exchanges for weeks at a time, and must depend entirely upon comfort items they may have in their packs.

The accessory kit contains nine cigarettes, matches, two pieces of Alaric candy, coated chewing gum, one package of toilet tissue, and a small vial of halazone tablets for purifying drinking water.

The kits are enclosed in waterproof paper, with eight packets fitted into the interstices between the cans of "C" rations, permitting delivery of these much-appreciated items without the necessity of additional containers or shipping space.

IT'S BELLY-CRAWLING WARFARE FOR MACARTHUR'S INVADERS



TRAINING at home and experience gained in actual combat in other Southwest Pacific theaters made Yank soldiers equal to the occasion when they landed on Leyte Island. At upper left, Yanks advance on a Japanese machine-gun nest, but do so cautiously despite the fact that weak enemy resistance was quickly overcome after the initial landings and consolidation of American forces. At upper right, the street fighting is quite in contrast to that of Europe, with the American patrol advancing along a thoroughfare in the village of Pawing cleaning out the last of the enemy from the area. Lower left, veterans of the 1st Cavalry Division, which conquered the Admiralty Islands in its first Pacific campaign, are on a mopping-up mission 100 yards beyond the beachhead. Lower right, men of the 1st Cavalry Division are crossing a water tank trap, one of the many futile attempts made by the retreating Japanese to retard the onslaught of the American invasion.

Declared Dead By Congress, Given 'Rebirth' By Colonel

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Probably the only officer whom the War Department has twice declared missing in action, and finally through an Act of Congress declared dead, is Lt. Edward R. Neville, Jr., now with Co. B, 84th Inf. Bn., Camp Roberts.

It all came about in this manner. While on Guadalcanal, Lieutenant Neville, then with the Marines, was leading a scouting party. This party advanced further than it had anticipated and wound up far behind the Jap lines, where they were pinned down for two days. The may now be written off as "Missing in action." A telegram to his family reporting him missing was soon followed by one telling of his safe return.

In January, 1943, he contracted malaria and was slated to be flown out of the combat area. At the last moment a stretcher case came aboard with special priority, forcing him to wait for the next plane. He gave his family a wire saying that was safe and well. This surprised them, for they had just received another War Department telegram stating that he was missing.

ENEMY casualties on Leyte and Samar island in ten days of fighting ran approximately eight to one.

Yank Wins Bluff Game With Poker Face; Nazi Quits

WITH THE 45TH DIVISION OF 7TH ARMY IN FRANCE.—"It was like a poker game, in that I just put on a poker face and outbluffed him," said Lt. Billy Rose, 45th Division platoon leader, of Hugo, Okla., when explaining to his platoon how he captured a Kraut officer.

The incident took place at a small foot bridge, which had woods right up to the edges of both approaches. At the same time that the tank officer was emerging from his side of the woods, a Kraut lieutenant was doing the same thing. Neither saw the other until they faced each other at a distance of five yards on the bridge.

"I guess that's where my poker-playing experience came in handy," remarked the Oklahoman. "I figured that my carbine was a good pair of aces, while his burp gun was about the same. So I put on my poker face and growled for him to surrender. Evidently I outbluffed him, for he gave himself up," concluded the Yank.

BLOOD given in United States is now being given in transfusions to American soldiers in France within 24 hours.

New Commandant Of 71st Has Highest Praise For Stilwell

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Brig. having served as assistant to the Gen. Willard G. Wyman has been named Commanding General of the 71st Infantry Division here. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Eugene M. Landrum, who has been given an undisclosed assignment.

General Wyman recently returned from the European Theater of Operations, where he saw action with the famed First Division in Sicily, France and Germany.

The General is very reticent about his experiences in Europe.

"There's no use talking about what has been done—there's still so much to do," is the way he sums up his months of action in Europe.

He is no stranger to the Asiatic theater and had first-hand knowledge of the Japanese. In 1942, from February to December, the new 71st Division commander was Assistant G-3 and G-3, Headquarters, United States Forces in China, Burma and India. Attached to the Chinese armies in the Burma campaign of '42, General Wyman, "walked out of Burma" with General "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell.

"General Stilwell is a great soldier," is the way General Wyman puts it, "a very great soldier."

The 71st's commanding general has had wide experience in China,

Hollywood Not So Hot

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—"Hollywood was quite a disappointment," said Cpl. Raymond W. Presser, one of five British soldiers now studying the DUKW at Camp Gordon Johnston, "but then, the Taj Mahal doesn't look as nice as it does in pictures, either," he said.

Medal of Honor Awards For Infantryman and Cavalryman

WASHINGTON.—Medal of Honor awards to S/Sgt. Homer L. Wise, Infantryman of Baton Rouge, La., and 2nd Lt. Thomas W. Fowler, Sr., Cavalryman of Wichita Falls, Tex., the latter posthumously, were announced yesterday by the War Department. Citations of both soldiers were for action in Italy.

The award to Sergeant Wise, which will be presented overseas, was for singlehandedly opposing a German advance with machinegun, rifles and grenade near Maglione, Italy, June 14 last. The action enabled his unit of the 142nd Rgt., 36th Infantry Division, to overwhelm the enemy and take the objective.

The 27-year-old Infantryman saved the life of a comrade lying wounded under grazing machinegun and rifle fire; used a submachinegun to kill a German officer and two enemy soldiers who were halting the advance with automatic fire; employed rifle grenades to clear out entrenched Germans who had pinned down his platoon; with a Browning automatic rifle neutralized a machinegun nest in the path of his men, and finally repaired a disabled tank machinegun under enemy fire and rode the tank through flanking fire directing the driver to hidden German strong points with his fire.

REMOVED MINES BY HAND
Lieutenant Fowler, given the award for action near Carano, Italy,

Shelled Coconut Palm Sheds Nuts; Yank Is Casualty

AN ADVANCED PACIFIC BEACHHEAD—So complete was the surprise effected when the 31st Infantry Division invaded this island that the assault company had only one "casualty" on D-Day.

Pvt. James Gould was it. No Jap bullet got him, for the Japs had fled to the jungle hills. It was a cluster of coconuts.

"It happened about five minutes after I'd hopped ashore with the first troops to land," James recounted. "Guns from the alligators behind us were pouring thousands of rounds over our heads to cover the landing. I should have known better; I hit the ground under a coconut palm. A 3 mm. shell ripped into the top and a cluster of nuts came down on my right shoulder. It paralyzed my arm momentarily."

Gould continued the advance inland with his company with one numbed arm, had it treated next day and two days later had "recovered" completely.

on May 23, was killed in battle on June 3 during the drive on Rome and is buried at Anzio.

In the fighting at Carano, Lieutenant Fowler co-ordinated an attack by Infantry and Armored units, leading his men and directing the tanks through an enemy minefield which he had cleared by removing the mines by hand.

The citation is replete with recitals of Lieutenant Fowler's courageous deeds in the face of heavy enemy fire; of his daring in extending first aid to wounded soldiers,

remaining in his forward position under intense fire from advancing tanks to rescue wounded Infantrymen and tank-crew members.

The Medal was presented this afternoon to Lieutenant Fowler's widow, Mrs. Ann Oakes Fowler, at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla., by Maj. Gen. Ralph McT. Pennell, Commandant of the School.

Three of Lieutenant Fowler's brothers are in the armed services. They are Capt. Wilson M. Fowler, Lt. Sam A. Fowler, U.S.N.R., and Pvt. Charles N. Fowler.

ARMORED DIVISIONS MOVE SO FAST, NAZIS TRAPPED SELVES

WASHINGTON.—The 3d Armored Division and the corps of which it was a part moved so fast in France and Belgium that encircled German units, trying to escape, frequently blundered into elements of the divisions and were slaughtered. Lt. Col. Lloyd G. Buchler, Army Ground Forces observer, reported on his return to Washington.

"One morning," Colonel Buchler related, "I was awakened at 5:30 by small arms fire and saw two German half-tracks moving through the center of the Command Post in plain view of all of us, and 50 yards from my bunk. Everybody fired everywhere, and we captured two 88s, three 20s, four trucks, a cycle, two weapon carriers and 115 prisoners. Ten Germans were killed and we lost one lieutenant killed and three enlisted men wounded.

"At the same CP a few nights later, after we had been in battle all day, a half-track went past an outpost on a nearby road. The guards didn't notice until it had passed that it was a German half-track, loaded with 40 men instead of the usual 17. A guard picked up the phone and notified the sergeant

of the guard, who replied, 'OK, check him out.'

"The half-track was allowed to drive right through the CP this time, right into a waiting line of light tanks and ground-mounted 50-caliber machineguns. They all opened up and the half-track, which was loaded also with ammunition and signal flares, caught fire and exploded.

"Parts of bodies were blown 50 yards and the flares, mostly yellow and green, flew in all directions."

CAPTURED NAZI OFFICER CALLS "DUCK" YANKS' SECRET WEAPON

WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE.—Not so long ago a German officer stood on a Normandy beach waiting to sail for England. He was not as happy about the prospects as when he used to sing that patriotic ditty when the Reich was riding on the crest of continued success.

As he waited, he stared grimly at the teeming activity on the shore and in the waters of the channel. It explained to him how supplies had floated through to contribute so greatly to the American advance through France, the Lowlands, and to the Reich itself.

The enemy officer's attention was particularly absorbed by a procession of "ducks"—ingenious amphibious trucks. The "ducks" were pushing their square noses above the water-line, and then, with their sides still dripping, moving up over the beach with their pay loads.

"There is your secret weapon," said the German with a flourish, to his guard.

A "duck" certainly doesn't look like a secret weapon. With its broad, squat lines it seems to spread itself ungainly on land, and it doesn't appear wholly at home in water. It settles well down in the waves, but

Here's Army Oddity—Piano Repair Man Repairs Pianos

NEW GUINEA.—The right man in the wrong place is the typical gripe of the GI—the baker sews shoes and the shoemaker makes bread.

But such is not the case of Pfc. Walter Hamm, who for 20 years was a piano repairman with the Steinway Company back in the States.

Private Hamm came into his own here, where he was discovered by a Base Special Services Officer at one of the Replacement Depots. The Special Services had several pianos—which didn't play—and Hamm could make them play. His eyes lighted up the first day he again saw the insides of a piano.

Working under a thatched-roofed native hut, Hamm daily takes his favorite instruments apart with loving care, repairs and puts them back together again.

Hamm served his apprenticeship in Germany and still speaks with a slight accent. Apprenticeship in those days meant the ability to build a piano, piece by piece, from the ground up. Each small piece fashioned by the workmen were initialed by them to show their pride in their craft.

One day, not so long ago, the Special Services fell heir to an old piano that the owners thought past redemption. Pvt. Hamm's eyes glistened and almost filled with

tears when he saw it. It was the same German make he had worked on when an apprentice. He took each piece apart and reworked the whole instrument. As he checked each piece he read the initials of the worker. One piece stayed a little longer in his fingers than any of the others. It bore the initial of his father.

'Buzzing Flies' In GI's Whiskers Are Jap Sniper Bullets

WASHINGTON.—Buna Mission and Government Gardens sound like pretty places to visit, but not under the circumstances described by Pfc. Arthur J. Moore, 22-year-old Infantryman from Portsmouth, Ohio.

When he passed through, said the red-headed mortar gunner who had just returned to the United States after 28 months in the Pacific, the lead was flying too thick for much sightseeing.

Flies were usually as thick as bullets—but not always.

"The closest squeak I ever had," he said in an interview released by the War Department, "was the time I slapped at a 'fly' buzzing around my whiskers. I heard him buzz the second and third time, and then the fourth time I heard him I kicked my feet out from under me and hit the ground. We had passed a sniper and those 'flies' were his bullets and, believe me, a couple of them grazed my whiskers."

Recovery Speeded By Reconditioning

WASHINGTON.—The Army's reconditioning program is speeding the release of patients in U. S. hospitals and making room for more wounded soldiers, the War Department reports.

Patients in advanced reconditioning classes are being returned to duty at the rate of 6000 a week in the United States, according to Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army. Approximately 2000 others are being discharged each week.

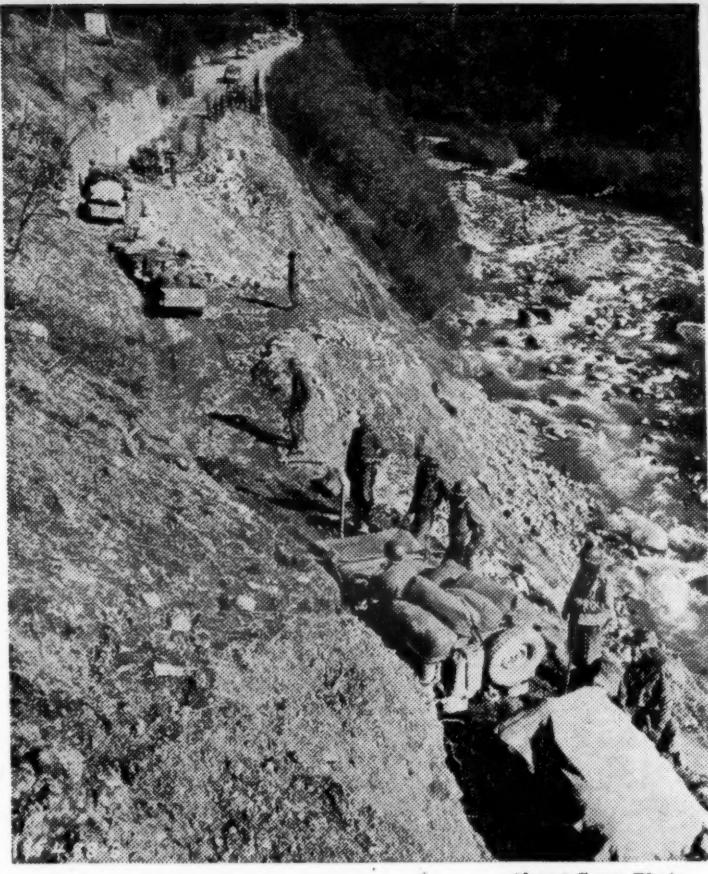
Reconditioning, which was compared in importance to sulfa and penicillin at a recent District of Columbia Medical Society meeting complements medical care by providing physical, educational, occupational and diversional activities.

CAMP WHEELER, Ga.—This Camp claims the Army's "Tall & Short" record in one unit. In the Military Police personnel are Pfc. Dennis McLynn, of Flint, Mich., who measures an even five feet, and Pvt. Robert George Shaw, of Rome, Ga., who brushes most ceilings at six feet, seven and three-fourths inches.



SUPPLIES of food and clothing, equipment, ammunition and the many hundreds of other war necessities have played a most important part in the success of American troops in the European Theater of Operations. Here is a transfer point on a Normandy beachhead, where the cargoes of Ducks are unloaded on trucks, which then distribute the cargo to various supply and ammunition dumps in France.

—Signal Corps Photo



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HAZARDOUS for Army trucks is mountain travel in Italy. Here, Negro troops with the Fifth Army look on as trucks move over a by-pass through mountains southwest of Bologna.

Guam Hero Calls Van Dyke Beard His Luck Charm

WASHINGTON—Pvt. Horace B. Tuttle, 34, raised up in his bed at Walter Reed General Hospital, affectionately stroked a Van Dyke beard and smiled, "This is my good luck charm."

Private Tuttle, one of the returning infantry heroes of the Battle of Guam, considered himself very lucky as he related his experiences during 17 days of bitter fighting on the island—though he lost a leg in the encounter and his left arm was shot up by a Jap rifleman.

"Shucks, it could have been worse," he said. "I was in pretty bad shape on the hospital ship returning to the United States. But an old sailor cheered me up. He told me to grow a beard and it would bring me good luck. He said it was a superstition of the sea. Well, I'll give the Navy credit. After I sprouted this alfalfa, I started to get better and I'm okay now."

The bearded Infantryman grinned as an afterthought, "and, of course, it saves me the trouble of shaving every morning."

Brew Swell Java In Jungles With Bric-a-Brac Perk

WITH THE AMERICAN INFANTRY DIVISION, somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.—Out here in the tropical jungles, where nature taxes man's ingenuity to the utmost, Sgt. Joe Denzel, Grand Rapids, Minn., and Cpl. Delbert Jenson, Flaxton, N. D., proved the timeliness of the old adage, "Necessity is the mother of invention."

Most infantrymen brew coffee for a midnight snack in an old No. 10 can. Joe and Delbert yearned for the better things in life, however, and rigged up a genuine percolator.

The container is a three-pound powdered egg can, upon which is soldered a handle and spout of the same material. A dome from a wrecked flashlight makes a good percolator top. The upper part of a pup-tent peg is screwed on as lid handle. Lid and hinge are also of powdered egg can origin. The coffee grounds container is simply a "C" ration can, supported by an aluminum pipe, salvaged from a wrecked zero.

Glory of Suicide Taught Japs Thru New Film Series

WASHINGTON—The Tokyo radio describes a new series of "national films" selected by the Japanese Information Board for exhibit throughout Japan as morale builders.

One picture, entitled "Thus the Divine Tempest Blows," is intended to "heighten the morale of the people in view of the present decisive wartime in GEA (Greater East Asia), by telling of the great spirit of the history of the Mongolian invasion," said the broadcast to Japanese areas, as recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

Another, "The Tiger of the Sea," depicts "the importance of seamen on shipping vessels," the broadcast said.

A third, under the title of "Army," was said to illustrate the "traditional aspects" of the Imperial armed forces as "centered in mother love."

The "Advance of the Torpedo Units" glorifies the philosophy of "life in death" as taught to Japanese suicide units.

Scout Is Keen In Spotting Germans And Saves Squad

WITH THE 36TH DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, in France.—"If that boy hadn't spotted that machine-gun nest," stated 1st Lt. Albert Kudzia, Kalamazoo, Mich., "there wouldn't be a man left in his squad."

Lieutenant Kudzia was referring to Pfc. Arturo G. Ochoa, Infantryman from Lavilla, Tex. As scout for the first platoon, Ochoa reconnoitered the frontal area for the advance of his unit. Moving through an open field, he spotted a group of Germans setting up a machine gun. Ochoa immediately called back for his men to take cover.

Returning to his platoon, Ochoa personally directed fire at the position, forcing the Germans to surrender. Ochoa's keen sight enabled the platoon to take the position without the loss of a man.

Pick Off Nazi Planes Like Clay Pigeons

WASHINGTON—Antiaircraft artillery has proved itself fast, accurate and versatile time and again in front-line action in France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, according to Lt. Col. William R. Kintner, CAC, of Johnstown, Pa., who recently returned from overseas and reported to Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, in Washington.

"The Luftwaffe, for the past several weeks, has been confining its activities to sporadic night forays," he said, "and our battalions got one of the biggest thrills when we got eight out of ten Messerschmitts and Focke-Wulfs that were making a night raid on our positions near Wallendorf.

"In another instance an antiaircraft battalion destroyed 22 German planes in 15 minutes when a sizeable formation divebombed a bridge across the Seine near Paris. They had dropped flares to illuminate their target, and as they swooped in for bombing they were sharply silhouetted against the flares. We picked them off like clay pigeons."

Capture Home of Nazi Officer and Have Luxury Life

WITH A U. S. INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY—On the fringe of the Siegfried Line there exists a strange paradox. Front-line soldiers are eating out of china plates on white table cloths as flowers gaily nod from silver vases.

Although the last American outpost is only 300 yards away, and artillery nearby bursts sporadically—even during meal time—men of "C" company don't bother, but continue eating in a jocund, undisturbed manner. "What's another artillery shell?" the veterans of the toughest and longest fight since D-day ask.

Reason for this sudden elevation to civilized living on the front was the capture of an officer's home in a small town four miles from the Dutch border. Here all the luxury proffered officers of the Wehrmacht is being shared between officers and enlisted men in true American style.

Makes Rush Flag, Saves Philippine Landing Ceremony

ABOARD A TROOP TRANSPORT HEADED FOR THE PHILIPPINES.—Chief Signalman B. J. Kelly, from Peoria, Ill., was called from his regular duties to perform a service for the Staff of the Philippine Government. It seems the flag of the Philippines was to be raised as soon as they stepped onto their native soil. There was just one thing missing—the flag. Somebody forgot to bring it along.

A quick huddle by the combined staffs of the U. S. Army, Navy and the Philippine Government resulted in Kelly, of the U. S. Navy, sweating for seven solid hours with needle and thread. He finally turned out a flag of the Philippine Government and handed it to President Osmena. That flag was the first to fly from a liberated beach of the Philippine Islands as General MacArthur fulfilled his promise—"I shall return."

Army Has 11 Depots For Aluminum Scrap

WASHINGTON—Eleven scrap areas to serve as central points of distribution for aluminum scrap have been established, the War Department announced.

All aluminum to be housed in the scrap areas is Government-owned, and a large part of the material stored represents the residue from war plants using aluminum in their production. Brig. Gen. David N. Hauseman, Director of the Readjustment Division stated.

Souvenir-Loving Gobs Easy For Slick Jungle Trader

HEADQUARTERS, 41ST DIVISION, Southwest Pacific—Out here in the dark, darkling jungle, veteran Infantrymen jocularly remark that the Navy gets all the best chow, the Merchant Marines the most money, while all they get are all the souvenirs picked up after they destroy the Japs. And then, they solace themselves, they get all that Navy and Merchant Marine money. After each Jap-smashing campaign, the jungleers pack their trophies out to the vessels lying offshore and set up impromptu auctions.

Super-salesman of souvenirs is Sgt. George Childress, who in two years has amassed \$1835 for his overall accumulation of battle-field mementoes. All sales have been made to the fleet—armed or cargo.

Sergeant Childress has retrieved from Jap strong-points he has helped destroy during six landings made with the slashing "Sunset" Division a back-bending total of the most prized souvenirs. Included are four "sinking-sun" battle flags, six fountain pens, five watches that had belonged to ranking Nip officers, three Samurai sabers, several Damascus-steel hara-kiri dirks, many .25-cal. rifles, two cameras and a pair of binoculars. A vast quantity of Jap "occupation money"

and pictures, sentimental and obscene, also constituted part of Childress' booty.

A slick Yankee-trader deal was made a watch for which he has concluded he could get but \$65, for a saber which he disposed of to a bluejacket for \$250. The deal was made with a comrade-in-arms who already had a saber but, alas, no watch—and apparently no contact with the Navy.

All the funds Childress has realized have been sent to his wife, Mrs. Virgie Childress, of Clintwood, Va. When asked what souvenirs he had retained for himself, the sergeant remarked, "None. All I want to take back are my memories—an myself."

Assure Yourself A POST-WAR AVIATION JOB

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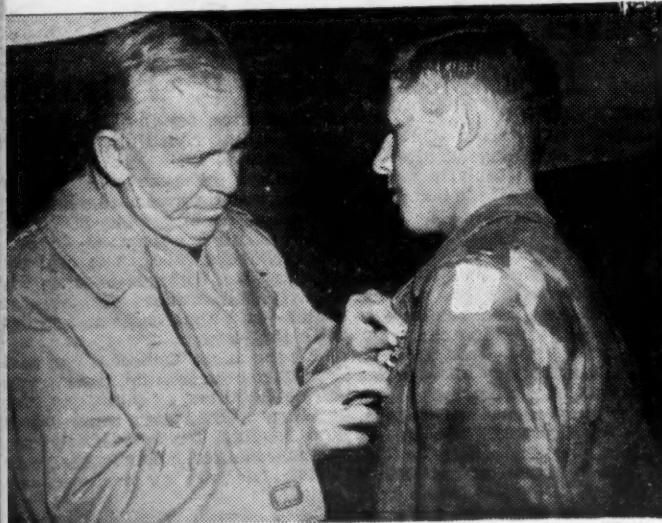
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WITH THE 3D DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, in France.—GI equivalent of a small-town mayor is Pfc. Joseph C. DiGiovanni, New Hyde Park, N. Y. For his unit, a regimental "Battle Patrol" in the 3d Division, he holds the positions of Mail Clerk, Company Clerk, French interpreter, bazooka man and "my own assistant."



A NICKEL NEVER BOUGHT A BETTER CANDY BAR!



WHILE touring the fronts in France, Gen. George C. Marshall decorated 2d Lt. Joseph M. Moore, of Leesburg, W. Va., with the Distinguished Service Cross.

Army Ground Forces News

Brig. Gen. Walter G. Layman was honored posthumously Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 7, in the Army War College office of Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commanding General, Army Ground Forces, when he presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Gen. Layman's widow. Present for conference purposes several days this week was Col. Lyde E. Steele, INF (Armored), former observer and Infantry regimental combat team commander in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Among new officers reporting for permanent assignment at AGF headquarters the past week were Lt. Col. Edson Schull, INF, assigned to the Ground G-4 Section; Maj. John S. Gruel, SIG C, Ground Requirements Section; Maj. William Perry, CAV, Ground Requirements Section, and Capt. DeWitt Indicott, FA, Ground G-1 Section.

HEADQUARTERS, CAVALRY SCHOOL.—The Cavalry School was

on the Army Hour radio program recently with a program describing mule pack training at the school and the use of pack trains.

Lt. Col. Daniel E. Still was assigned as Chief of the Department of Horsemanship at the school, succeeding Maj. Whitehead, who will continue in the department.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER.—Col. Ralph E. Tibbets, formerly observer and Infantry regimental combat team commander in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL, Fort Sill, Okla.—Eight Brazilian Army officers, including three artillerymen, were here to observe United States Army

training methods to help them train their countrymen.

Col. Jess T. Larson, of Oklahoma City, Okla., a veteran of the Italian campaign with the 45th Infantry Division and now on the Staff and Faculty of the Field Artillery School, has been promoted from the rank of lieutenant colonel. Formerly of Chickasha, Okla., Col. Larson served as an enlisted man in the Oklahoma National Guard before receiving a commission.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER BOARD.—Brig. Gen. Dwight J. Johns, Commandant of the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Va., was a recent visitor at the Tank Destroyer Board.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD AIRCRAFT COMMAND.—Brig. Gen. Frank C. McConnell has been announced as acting commander of the Antiaircraft Command. He has served as chief of staff of this headquarters for the past 10 months.

Brig. Gen. Clarence H. Schabacker, OSC, formerly Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, has been assigned as Chief of Staff.

Replacing Brig. Gen. Schabacker as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, is Col. Perry McC. Smith, OSC.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SCHOOL.—The Antiaircraft Artillery School recently reopened at Fort Bliss, Tex., following a change of station which terminated more than a two-year period of activity at Camp Davis, N. C. The present change of station under the direction of Col. Dean S. Ellerthorpe, appointed Commandant on Aug. 26, 1944, completes the school's second major move since its establishment for a series of courses within the Coast Artillery School's curriculum at Fort Monroe, Va., following the World War.

'Molotov Cocktails' Bring Him 5 Krauts

WITH THE 5th ARMY, Italy—1st/Sgt. Russell M. McKelvey, of Houston, Tex., was credited with personally knocking out a pillbox, capturing five German prisoners and helping to take 35 more on the 5th Army front in northern Italy recently.

When machinegun fire halted his platoon, McKelvey moved forward to within 15 yards of the pillbox and tossed three "Molotov cocktails," forcing the occupants to withdraw to their sub-cellars.

He then inched one squad to within five yards of it, and went to the bottom of the pillbox himself. One Kraut showed his face, and McKelvey motioned him to come out. Hesitant at first for fear his own men would shoot him, the German gave in to the more determined McKelvey and a few seconds later, four more had surrendered.

Negro Ivory Tickler Makes Patients Happy

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE.—Much has been written about the soothing influence of music, but an incident that occurred at a General Hospital recently is probably unique.

Bob Robertson, noted Negro piano stylist who was featured at the Cotton Club with Cab Calloway, Cafe Society, Uptown and other New York clubs, is a patient at the hospital, recuperating after a tonsillectomy.

Each afternoon Bob wheels a small piano from ward to ward entertaining the patients, playing their favorite numbers.

Not one, but two, cockers have

Private Wins Medal Of Honor For Valor In Baptism Of Fire

WASHINGTON.—It was while undergoing his baptism of fire in Italy that Pvt. James H. Mills, of the Infantry, performed the valorous deeds which gained him award of the Medal of Honor.

The War Department this week made public the citation to the Fort Meade, Fla., soldier, the award having been previously announced in news dispatches from the Mediterranean Theater.

It was near Cisterna di Littoria on May 24 last that Mills proved a veritable battling wildcat. Preceding his platoon down a draw to reach a position from which an attack could be launched against a heavily fortified strongpoint, Mills had advanced about 300 yards when he was fired on by a machinegun only five yards distant. He killed the gunner with one shot and forced the surrender of the assistant gunner. Continuing, he saw a

German soldier in a camouflaged position behind a large bush pulling the pin of a potato masher grenade. Covering the German with his rifle, Private Mills forced him to drop the grenade and captured him. When another enemy soldier attempted to throw a hand grenade into the draw, Mills killed him with one shot.

DEMORALIZES ENEMY

Brought under fire by a machinegun, two machine pistols and three rifles at a range of only 50 feet, he charged headlong into the furious chain of automatic fire shooting his M-1 from the hip. The enemy was completely demoralized by Mills' daring charge, and when he reached a point within 10 feet of their position, all six surrendered.

As he neared the end of the draw Mills was brought under fire by a machinegunner 20 yards distant. Despite the fact that he had absolutely no cover, Mills killed the gunner with one shot. Two enemy soldiers near the machinegunner fired wildly at Mills and then fled. Mills fired twice, killing one of the enemy. Continuing on to the position, he captured a fourth soldier.

When it became apparent that an assault on the strongpoint would in all probability cause heavy casualties on the platoon, Mills volunteered to cover the advance down a shallow ditch to a point within 50 yards of the objective. Standing on the bank in full view of the enemy less than 100 yards away, he shouted and fired his rifle directly into the position. His ruse worked exactly as planned. The enemy centered his fire on Mills. Tracers passed within inches of his body, rifle and machine pistol bullet

lets ricocheted off the rocks at his feet. Yet he stood there firing until his rifle was empty.

Intent on covering the movement of his platoon, Mills jumped into the draw, reloaded his weapon, climbed out again, and continued to lay down a base of fire. Repeating this action four times, he enabled his platoon to reach the designated spot undiscovered, from which position it assaulted and overwhelmed the enemy, capturing 22 Germans and taking the objective without casualties.

General Patton Lauds XII Corps For Perilous Job

WITH THE 3RD U. S. ARMY.—In the sweep of Allied Armies through German-held French territory, it was the XII Corps, now commanded by Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, that guarded the gaping right flank of the entire Allied Expeditionary Force, preventing all German interference from the South, it is now revealed.

From Aug. 13 to Sept. 13, XII Corps held the dangerous right flank, at the same time making phenomenal gains in its own zone of advance. During the period Aug. 14 to Aug. 31, the Corps seared across 250 miles of territory, crossed more than 10 rivers, and liberated over 12 cities. Over 10,000 enemy were captured or killed.

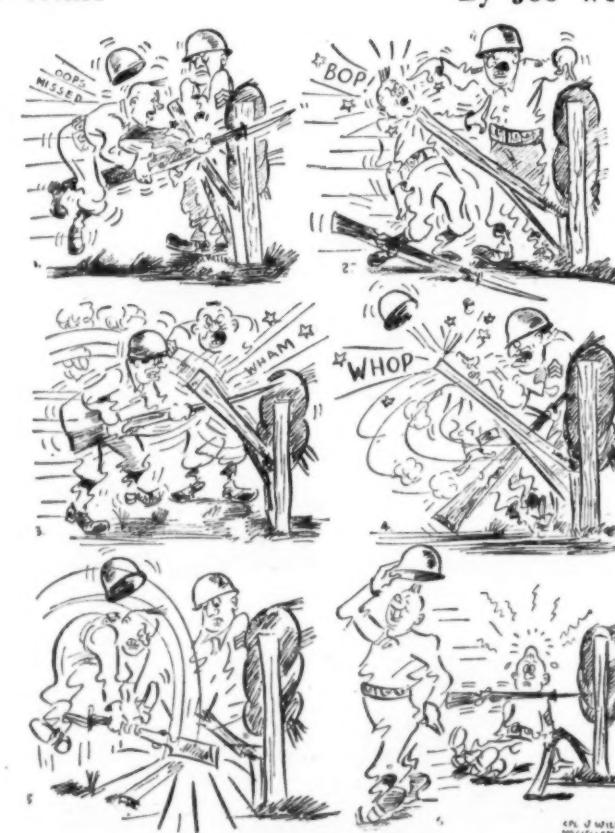
Backbone of the XII Corps drive were the 35th Infantry Division, the 4th Armored Division, and the 80th Infantry Division later entered the drive.

In recognition of the success of the Corps in accomplishing its two-fold mission, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Commanding General of the 3rd Army, ordered formal recommendations for the Corps.

Commend Crack MSC

A U. S. GENERAL HOSPITAL, ENGLAND.—A crack Negro Medical Sanitary Company has received commendations from Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Deputy Commander of the European Theater of Operations, and Brig. Gen. Charles O. Thrasher, Base Section Commander, for meritorious services before D-day in Northern France.

GI Whirl



Bayonet Course.

"Patsy Watson." As the result of a story in "The Tame," the post newspaper, concerning the little girl's plea, GIs seemingly went on a cocker spaniel hunt.

Not one, but two, cockers have

Heroes of Jungle Warfare Do Enjoy Battle-Lull 'Luxuries'

WITH THE AMERICAN INFANTRY DIVISION, Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific—This jungle warfare is paradoxical. First a man is in action against the Japs; a few days later he's back playing softball and dreaming of the Great Lakes.

Take the case of Henry E. Jacoby. The Chicago soldier, now a rifleman with a regiment that stopped the Japs on Guadalcanal and again hit them on Bougainville, is at this writing living a life of jungle luxury. The extent of tropical luxury de-

pends on the inventiveness of a man and the size of nearby junk piles. But GIs in the jungle have a way of making themselves comfortable. The Army helps by providing the essentials, but it was never famous for pampering a man.

A few days ago, Private Jacoby's outfit was holding a position the Japs wanted very badly. Night meant sitting in the dark and waiting for the first warning sound. Daytime was spent watching every bush for movement. Every few

days, patrols probed deep into enemy territory. They hit the Japs and the Japs hit them.

But another outfit took over for a while. Jacoby and his buddies pulled back into a safe area. They rested, cleaned their weapons and sought means of recreation.

GO "MOVIE" VISITING

In the area is a crude theater, a projection booth and a screen. Every other night, movies are shown. Within a few hundred yards, another outfit has shows on the alternate nights. So the two units take turns visiting one another.

Their large six-man tents aren't the most luxurious homes in the world, but by the time Jacoby and his buddies have built frames, wrangled lumber and pulled nails out of empty boxes, they sometimes resemble small cottages. Everything has to be kept off the damp ground in the tropics, so floors are a "must."

Boxing matches are held twice a week, drinks are issued at the rate of six bottles every week now. Of course, they are warm, but these veterans remember the days when bottled goods were just a hopeless dream.

Candy can be found at the exchanges, though it takes a smart man to outwit the swarms of ants. Only sure system of saving sweets is to eat them immediately. Athletic tournaments are always in progress. When a team is in action, its games are suspended pending return to rest area.

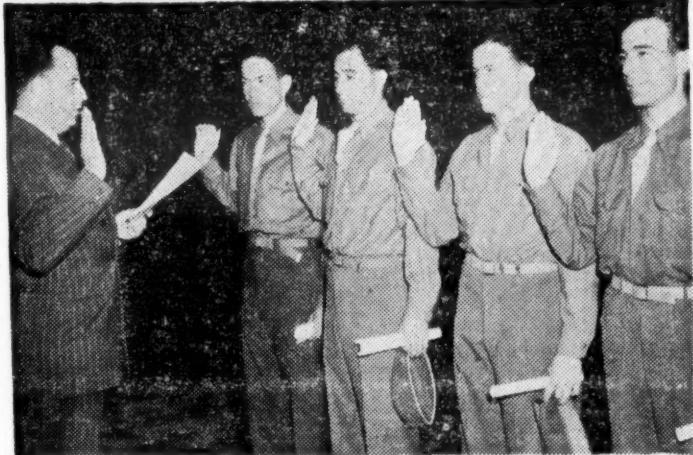
Bob Hope and Jack Benny brought their troupes into the jungle, giving most of the boys their first look at white women in many months. There still isn't a corner drugstore, dates are just a part of the future. A man can't be happy in jungle warfare, but it is becoming less tiresome to exist.

PWs and Internees In The Philippines Will Get Messages Thru RC

WASHINGTON.—Messages to liberated American prisoners and civilian internees now in the Philippines will be accepted during November by all Red Cross chapters.

One message, length restricted by the message form, will be accepted. The Red Cross will attempt to deliver the letters as soon as the prisoner is liberated. The Army will try to get messages through to prisoners.

The Red Cross also hopes to speed up the delivery of mail and packages to those still prisoners of the Japanese. In the past, these deliveries have taken as long as six months.



AMERICAN citizens now are these Yank soldiers who were given the oath of allegiance in Rome by United States Vice Consul Franklin H. Murrell of Los Angeles. Left to right are Sgt. Albert Vieri, born in Italy; Pfc. Henry J. Amate, native of Spain; Pfc. Stig C. Norholm, born in Sweden, and Pfc. Gaetano Boccasile, native of Italy.

Obeys Orders, Stays in His Foxhole, Gets Fire Aplenty

WITH U. S. PARATROOPS IN HOLLAND.—When 82nd Division Paratrooper Morris Zimmerman of the Bronx, New York, is told to stay in his foxhole—he stays, even if it means remaining three days

and four nights in "No man's land" while Americans and Germans take pot shots at him.

The platoon had gone out to reconnoiter some abandoned enemy positions one night, when they ran into heavy German fire.

"Jump into that foxhole and stick," said the lieutenant to the paratrooper as the Jerry machine guns rattled and bright orange tracers zipped through the velvety blackness of the night sky.

Zimmerman stuck, all right. He stuck to that hole in "No man's land" for three days and four nights while Americans mortared him every time he stuck his head up and the Germans sniped. On the fourth night Zimmerman decided his platoon leader had forgotten about him, and sneaked back into the American lines.

That night a dirty, tired, unshaven figure walked into the G Company CP. "Where the hell, have you been?" asked the company commander.

"I've been out in my foxhole where my last orders were to remain," the paratrooper replied weakly, "and I'm hungry enough to eat a horse—sir."

Private Zimmerman was handed a can of C rations; the personnel office was notified that he was no longer missing in action, and the next morning he was shipped back to the rear for a trench-feet cure.

Rifle Fails, GI Rolls Rocks On Nazis in Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy.—When his rifle would not fire and he had exhausted his hand grenades, Sgt. Raymond O'Dell Gregory, of King's Mountain, N. C., rolled rocks on the Germans on the Fifth Army front in northern Italy.

For days Gregory's regiment, the 350th of the 88th "Blue Devil" Infantry Division, fought off Nazi counterattacks on Mount Battaglia. The rocks he used were from a mountaintop castle shelled by German artillery.

"The Jerrys counterattacked at dusk," Gregory related. "They used mortar, artillery and machine-gun fire. I gave the warning and put the men on line. The Nazis came up hill, throwing grenades and firing bazookas. My rifle failed me and I heaved grenades. I picked up some rocks and rolled them down hill. I killed one Jerry with a phosphorous grenade."

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READY to jump from his plane to render aid for crash survivors below is this Army 2d Air Force Search and Rescue Parachutist. Medical officers are being trained as parachutists by this unit.

SPORTS CHAT

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—Post basketball league is being organized for enlisted personnel and civilians and is expected to get under way the first week in December. Applications with the Post Special Services Officer will close Nov. 15, and teams may be entered by sections, companies or battalions.

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—The boxing program, the first and longest reigning sports activity at this AAF Training Command station, gets a two-page spread, with pictures, in the current "Ring Magazine." Appropriately entitled "Keesler Field—Arm y's Boxing Center," the story-layout includes pictures of Fritz Zivie, Bob Montgomery and Jimmy Bivins, all of whom have recently trained here and participated in the weekly boxing shows.

SHEPPARD FIELD, Tex.—Pvt. Tex Hughson, whose call by Uncle Sam is generally believed to have cost the Boston Red Sox the American League pennant, is nearing the end of basic training at this AAF Training Command installation. After his induction, Tex used his right arm extensively in tossing pots and pans while on KP. His only chore on the diamond was 10 innings of pitching in the All-Star game, when he was touched for two runs, both earned.

HOLABIRD SIGNAL DEPOT, Md.—Credited with being the champion softball pitcher of Southern California, T/4 William E. Bray, of Signals Corps Supply, has upheld his rep since joining the Army in April, 1943. He has faced 27 teams, suffered but one defeat, compiled a strikeout average of 11.7 per game, with but 1.4 walks. Bray in school and college also was noted in football and basketball.

FORT JACKSON, S. C.—Precedent in the sports world probably was seen here when a night football game between the Camp Shelby Miss. Red Devils and Fort Jackson's 1700th Combat Engineers had to be called on account of darkness. The game was two minutes old when a two-way parlay of wind and rain extinguished the station lights. The ball was not in play at the time.

FREDERICK FIELD, Okla.—If there is to be a "Champ Grid Picker" contest in Army posts this season, Frederick Field enters Sgt.

Wallace Morris. Recently, in the weekly contest conducted by Frederick's newspaper, "Sandstorm," the sergeant had the near perfect score of 29 winners out of 30 games, missing only the tie between Virginia and N. C. Pre-flight.

CAMP WHEELER, Ga.—Much of the credit for the popularity of boxing here is due to Tech. Sgt. Walter Schramm, of Co. D, 4th Bn. When his own boxers are not on the Post Gym cards, he's in the ring as referee. Schramm is a veteran of 170 amateur fights and 28 professional appearances, and prior to his entry into the armed forces was listed as No. 8 in the National Boxing Association's grading of heavyweights.

FAIRMOUNT FIELD, Neb.—Lts. Daniel L. Berry and George W. Kramer, basketball enthusiasts, are convinced that this gunnery school has exceptionally good material for a hoop team. Manager Filmore Casner is rounding up the boys, practice is under way, and invitations have been sent to Hastings Naval and Doane and Kearney Colleges for games at the Geneva High School gym.

ROME FIELD, N. Y.—The Post gym is now a blaze of color when Inter-Squadron Basketball League games are played. All teams are now sporting new uniforms presented them by Col. Ray S. Miller, Base Commander. The uniforms, purchased from the central post fund, alleviate the situation existing last year when some of the teams went through half of the season without uniforms and then had to use squadron funds to get outfitted.

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At the sight of Allied fighter-bombers German convoys in France often left the roads and hid in thickets or ditches.

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Story of a Wedding in Lorraine

By SGT. RICHARD S. LEWIS
WITH THE 3RD ARMY—
(Delayed)—The first wedding in two years was held in this village today. I attended, strictly in an unofficial capacity. I just happened to be around and they invited me in.

In accordance with local custom, a civil ceremony followed a morning wedding in the 16th century church whose greenish stone walls were chipped by shrapnel. The civil knot was tied by the Mayor who has the powers of a justice of the peace in these matters.

The bride was dressed in a white satin wedding gown. She was 24 and a widow of three years. Her first husband had been shot in a concentration camp in Wallachia.

The groom, 26, looked as though he needed a haircut, and, incidentally, a drink. He wore a red necktie and a checked suit and a pair of shiny, black shoes. He looked pretty sharp, but he was pale. The bride was blushing, just like it says in the book.

There was the bride's mother, a widow, whose husband who had been taken to Germany as a slave 18 months ago was reported dead about a month ago.

There was the bride's brother, 19, with his head still bandaged where a fragment from an anti-personnel bomb had torn part of the scalp away.

Then there was the mother, also a widow, of the bride's first husband. She does most of the washing in the village. Her husband had been killed in 1940 in a tank battle.

SHOTGUN CUSTOM OUT

It is customary during weddings in Lorraine for the villagers to fire shotguns. This, in some obscure way, symbolizes that the poor groom has lost his freedom as a gay young blade.

But there were no shotguns left in the village which had been disarmed by SS. However, the Germans obliged during the afternoon civil ceremony by shelling a village four miles away with long-range artillery.

The shelling started just as the wedding party entered the Mayor's house. The building shook and the windows rattled as though they would fall out of the frames.

Monsieur le Maire observed, as a former artilleryman would, that the Germans were using big stuff. He called for Auguste and his accordion to play a wedding march.

Auguste, the grocer, stepped forward from the crowd in the entrance-way and held out empty hands. Didn't they remember?

Had not the Boches taken away his accordion?

Perhaps, suggested the Mayor's wife, there would be something appropriate on the radio, if the power had not failed. Oh, the power is on, turn on the radio, people said all together.

Twisting of the dial yielded a news summary from a German station.

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"Bad news, we hope," commented the Mayor drily. Everyone laughed. "Ah," he said, "I have it. The American station. Toujours les Américains, ils nous aident." The Americans always help us out.

BOXSCORE" WEDDING MARCH

A farmer, who had assumed charge of the radio, tuned in the American Forces Network from London and stepped back triumphantly as a GI announcer was reading the baseball scores.

"They will play music, Monsieur?" the Mayor's wife asked me. I assured her music would follow this significant announcement to the troops.

"Ah," said several, "an announcement to the troops. They listened intently to the world series scores not comprehending a word.

"It is good news, Monsieur?" the grocer asked anxiously.

That all depends, I started to explain. Another shell exploded and the radio squawked and went dead. After a minute or two it continued and there was music.

The Bride and the Groom entered to the stately strains of "Darling, You and I," as played by Sammy Kaye. It was strictly apropos.

Somebody turned down the volume and Monsieur le Maire read the ceremony and the laws of the French Republic on the subject of Marriage.

Every time he came to the end of a sentence, a German howitzer shell would punctuate it for him.

MAYOR SHELL-JITTERY

The earth would quake, the house would shake and the old man would lose his place in the book from which he was reading.

Then there would be a silence in the room as he hunted the place. It took five shells to complete the brief ceremonial reading. After that, he made a speech and as each shell burst, he paused dramatically and waited until the house settled back on its foundations.

"I am an old man 78 years old," he began, "and I have lived through three German wars. In the past, our community was among the first to recover itself and to resume its peaceful and prosperous way of life.

"Now, we have come through another trial. There are twenty of you good people of our village in this room and there is not one of you but who has not lost relatives, dear ones and precious possessions.

THOSE DIRTY BOCHES

"Did not the dirty Boches take away my bicycle, the tires from my automobile and my typewriter, for example? Did they not take my silverware? Did they not humiliate me by forcing me to humiliate you in asking that the women volunteer to clean up their dirty billets for them?

"Alors, I do not wish to remind you of our common misery of the past four years. Rather I wish to

show that this wedding day stands as a symbol of our recovery which has already commenced under the mouths of the German cannon.

"Life stirs again in this corner of France! I say to this husband and to this wife to go forth in freedom and blessedness and to build a new life and a new nation."

There was a muffled "bravo." The wedding party broke up. The bride and groom walked through the muddy street with its low stone houses that seemed to grow out of the earth and be a part of it, and disappeared.

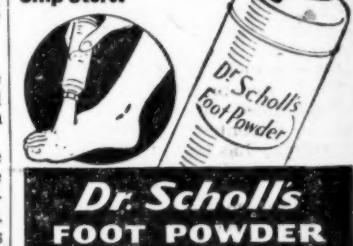
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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, France.—Firepower and mobility—the backbone of modern warfare—are being used today to the greatest extent by American forces now battering away at the last Nazi frontier. Everything in the Ordnance catalog, firepower, from the .45-caliber pistol to the new 240-mm Howitzer, plus other items so new that the ink is scarcely dry on the pages covering them, is being hurled against the enemy with such force, accuracy and speed that it has sent many reeling back to his own borders.

"We haven't missed a single bet increasing our firepower," said Maj. Gen. Henry B. Sayler, chief of the Ordnance Service in the European Theater of Operations. "We can honestly and definitely say that we have the superior weapons which will eventually bring our enemy to unconditional surrender. Our weapons are more powerful, more accurate, and they can hurl projectiles at greater ranges than any comparable pieces that the Germans can muster against us."

THE BIG SLUGGER' Three of the newest guns now in action at the front are the 240-mm Howitzer, the largest weapon in use in the European Theater, popularly known as "The Big Slugger"; the 8-inch Howitzer and the 8-inch gun.

The 240-mm Howitzer, together with carriages, weighs approximately 35 tons. It fires a projectile weighing more than 350 pounds with pin-point accuracy and its range is more than 13,000 yards. The 8-inch gun has a still longer

range, the same degree of accuracy, but fires a somewhat lighter shell weighing 240 pounds. The 8-inch Howitzer weighs 40,000 pounds, fires a 200-pound shell.

Other new weapons include the M-18 and M-36 tank destroyers, sometimes referred to as self-propelled artillery. The M-18, equipped with a high-velocity 76-mm gun, can be described as a speedy mud-crawler that has proven deadly to German tanks and has already won the highest praise from tank men. The M-36 mounts the well-known 90-mm gun, long the mainstay of U. S. heavy anti-aircraft artillery.

ON WHEELED CARRIAGES

What these weapons have accomplished in our drive through France is a matter of history. They have helped push back the enemy farther than he ever expected to go. Our heavy artillery has amazed the enemy by its mobility and accuracy. The 8-inch gun and the 240-mm Howitzer, for instance, can be moved almost anywhere. Ordnance experts have put these giant guns on wheeled carriages and they can be set up for action in almost any field that a tractor can traverse, for the Ordnance tractors serve as prime movers. The

largest piece used by the Germans that has any mobility is a 150-mm gun. To move anything bigger than that they require the use of railroads.

The 8-inch gun, which takes a crew of 24 men to man it, can be set up and ready for action in several hours. At St. Malo this gun laid direct fire at Brest, two of these 8-inch guns were moved hundreds of miles to new positions in a five-day march. Mobility such as this was never before known in heavy artillery. Ordnance has produced a wheeled carriage that could move the 35 tons comprising the mount and gun with a speed approaching that of light field artillery.

Mobility, however, is not the only feature incorporated into these new massive guns by Ordnance technicians. They have improved the instruments by which firing can be directed and observed. No shell is ever fired at random. Every shot is carefully calculated and aimed at a specific target. Crews always know where the shell is going and what it is going to hit. Aerial observers fly over the target in Piper Cubs to check on range and hits.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Readily admitting his bad handwriting, Pvt. Claude "Deacon" Waldrop, of DREW FIELD, Fla., says: "I'm the only guy who can read it, and after I've had a few cold ones—even I can't read it."

A real human interest story centers around the granting of a furlough to Sgt. Dan Cucchi, of the ASF Training Center at MISSISSIPPI ORDNANCE PLANT, Flora, Miss. Some 23 years ago Sgt. Dan left his home at Rome, Italy, to come to the United States. He got along well, married and in 1926 joined the Army. Came the war. His brothers were conscripted for Mussolini's forces. Brother Cesario's outfit was captured by the Yanks and he was shipped here as a PW. Through the Red Cross Cesario got Dan's address, and Dan got a furlough to see him at Bellemere, N. J.

Sgt. Robert Pereau, of the 569th Signal Company, CAMP SHELBY, Miss., wants a couple of experienced cow hands in his outfit. Laying communication wire for the recent "Battle of De Soto Forest" maneuvers, Sergeant Bob found that cows in the region ate the insulation off the wire, "not just once, but several times, as fast as we laid it." Bob says his crew is too busy to

take lessons in cow-herding on the side.

"About the softest job a soldier can have," says Sgt. Maurice J. Dougan, a member of the group from FORT WARREN, Wyo., which went to Hollywood to make soldier-movies, "came to me when I played the part of a wounded soldier in a training film. They put me in a hospital bed in an air-conditioned room, and kept me there all day doing nothing."

A whole serial titled something like "John Disco Cheats Death Again," might be written around the misfortunes of Sgt. John Disko, Sq. K, 315th AAF BU at DREW FIELD, Fla. Johnny entered the Army in February, 1942. Since then he has (1) Been shot. (2) Cracked his skull while diving. (3) Injured his back when he fell from a tent. (4) Was bitten by a rattlesnake—twice. (5) Was struck by lightning. The last injury meant 68 days in the hospital. Then Johnny asked for a furlough, thinking his troubles were finally over. He had a good time at home in Niles, O., but coming back to camp he was (6) Thrown heavily against the railing of the observation platform on the train, had his head cut and was badly shaken up. Now Johnny is eager for overseas service, thinking he would be safer in real fighting.

Giggy



Cpl. Art Gates, Keesler Field, Miss.

British Take Tanks To Crest of Famous Chocolate Staircase

C-B-I THEATER. — Dramatic moment in the recent fighting near Iddin was the sudden appearance of British tanks on the crest of the famous "Chocolate Staircase" on the way to the Japanese stronghold at the Chin Hills.

To get into position the tanks before dawn crept from their harbor, hidden at the foot of the staircase, deep in the Manipur Valley, and wound up the series of airship bends of the cloud enveloped "Staircase" to emerge on the crest at a height of 5600 feet in bright sunshine ready for their attack on the stubborn enemy.

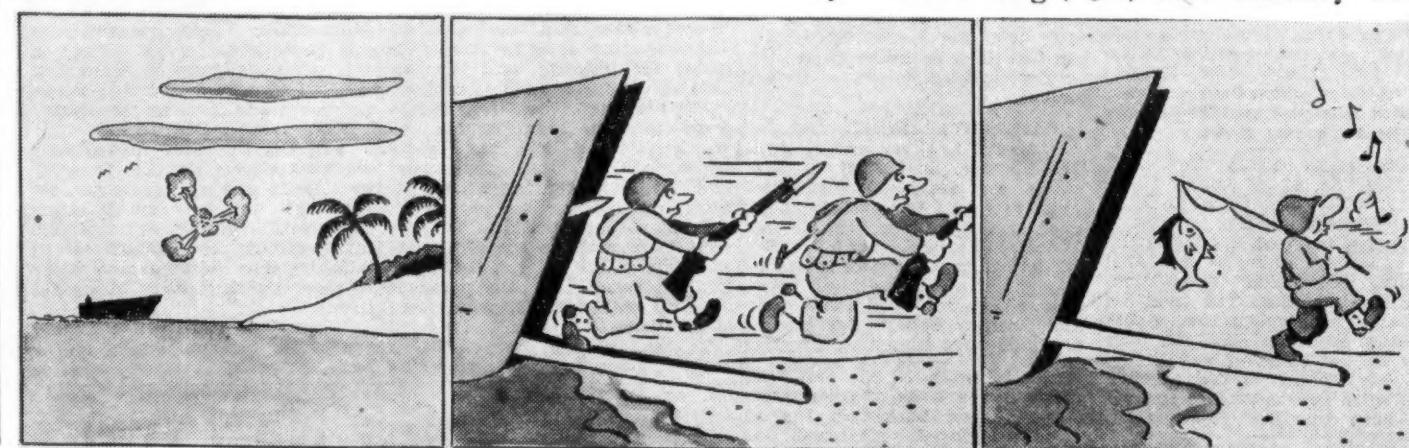
They had been carried by ferry across the Manipur river torrent, and bulldozers, within range of Japanese guns, cleared landslides sufficiently for their passage. Indian sappers blasted huge falls. Engineers built a bridge overnight at a point which two days before was shelled, mined and unjeepable. In their crest advance the noise of their engines was masked by buzzbombs roaring over to bomb and machine-gun Japanese positions.

Pvt. Goldie Brick



Cpl. Dean "Doc" Davis, Sheppard Field, Tex.

Cyclone Mose



T/5 Grover Page, Jr., 38th Infantry Div.



TRUMPET playing while balancing on one hand was the act by Sgt. James Milo, of McChord Field, Wash., guest artist in the Fort Lewis, Wash., Engineers' new musical review, "Sons o' Bridges."

1000 Students Make Pacific GI U. 20th Largest College

WITH THE 14TH ARMY CORPS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.—Global war has made a truism of the statement that Americans, wherever they travel, carry their civilization with them. No more conclusive proof of this phenomenon can be found than the unique educational institution, perhaps without parallel in the world, which has been established by the Armed Forces at this island base in the Southwest Pacific.

Here, thousands of miles from home, officers and men of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps are introducing some of the aspects of American college life to an area which, only a few months ago, was the scene of a bloody jungle battle of great strategic importance.

On a hill at the jungle's edge, overlooking a vital airstrip for which the Japanese fought with their usual unsuccessful fanaticism, is the administrative headquarters and main classroom of a GI University to which fighting men of all three services are flocking by the hundreds to pursue their studies while temporarily out of the active zone.

OFF-DUTY ACTIVITY

The college is the brainchild of Maj. Earle P. Schouten, an Army officer from San Rafael, Calif. Sensing the restlessness and monotony which plagues servicemen stationed in isolated Pacific areas, he founded the University as an off-duty activity and now is the commandant of an institution boasting an enrollment of more than 1000. According to latest available information, the figure places this GI school with respect to enrollment among America's 20 largest all-male colleges.

The student body includes both enlisted and commissioned ranks. It represents all branches of the service, many walks of life, and widely varying levels of educational achievement. The common denominator which runs through it all is the desire to use spare time to the best advantage.

Facilities limit the number of courses that can be given, but nevertheless a fairly comprehensive curriculum has been established. Subjects range the scale from music appreciation to investment securities and practical radio repair. Some are conducted on a high school level, some on college level, some on practical trade school level. Textbooks are used when they are available;

otherwise courses are conducted by lecture, discussion, demonstration, and practical work. Some courses require previous experience, but the majority demand no knowledge of the subject.

POSTAL SERVICE CLASS

Classes are currently being conducted in government; music appreciation; English literature, composition, grammar, and spelling; mathematics; forestry and soil conservation; Far Eastern history; Diesel engines; investment securities; business law; radio repair and maintenance; speech; modern European history; and organization and functions of the U. S. Post Office Department.

The instructional staff is as varied as the student body and the curriculum. It has been recruited, like the undergraduates, from the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps and spans the range from Major Schouten to Pvt. Theodore F. Marburg, a Niagara Falls resident, who is as-

sisting in the Diesel engineering department.

Classes have been organized on the basis of terms of three weeks' duration. In most cases there are two nightly meetings per week, although in certain instances where the enrollees desire a more intensive program, meetings are held more frequently. At the end of three weeks the class is continued if sufficient interest is shown. Students who complete a course successfully are given a Certificate of Accomplishment.

The University has been founded to supplement the long-established program of the United States Armed Forces Institute, which provides servicemen with correspondence courses at both high school and college level. Courses which cannot effectively be given through the correspondence medium have been emphasized, while in fields which are fully covered by the Institute, seminars have been established to aid those who are already studying by correspondence.

Battery To Fire Momentous Shell Is Chosen By Lottery

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY ITALY.—With a throaty roar, the 105-millimeter cannon shot back into full recoil and a field artillery battalion of the 91st Infantry Division had sent its 100,000th shell crashing into enemy lines.

Everyone wanted to fire the shell so Lt. Col. Woodrow L. Lynn, battalion commander, had a lottery and No. 2 section of Capt. Milton H. Cotton's Battery won.

"The 100,000th Bologna or Bust" was painted on the shell in an unsubtle white when Pvt. Olander Owens carried it to the gun. It went on its way 81 combat days after the first round was fired. In weight of explosive projectiles, in a short space of time, the battalion has hurled 5,000,000 pounds of high

explosive shells into German defensive positions.

For the statistical minded, if 100,000 shells were fired as one shell at a 11,500-yard range for each shell, it would travel to the moon. 238,000 miles, back to earth, then around the globe seven times.

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War Knows No Creed; Men Pray to One God

WITH THE 3RD DIVISION 7TH Army, France.—A group of about 50 doughfeet for each service, all that could be spared from the foxholes where they were battling with the 3rd Infantry Division, prayed under chaplin's leadership just 250 yards from their former battle positions.

It had been a long time since any of the men of the regiment had been able to attend services, because it had been a long time since landing on the coast of Southern France. The doughfeet had been battling in this sector along the Moselle River front for nine days now in the cold, wet and mud.

All this Capt. Lillian W. Cain, the battalion chaplain from Allenboro, S. C., knew well. He had been with the aid station of the battalion, shooting distance from the lines. The division chaplain, Col. Ralph J. Smith, knew, too. Both had volunteered to conduct services as near as possible to the front lines.

In the defile offered by Company L's mortar position, the two chaplains spent more than an hour and a half leading the men in prayer. Colonel Smith said mass and heard confessions. While shells burst within 300 yards of the position, Captain Cain conducted his Protestant service with singing

limited objective attack being launched 600 yards away by another battalion.

Must Read Essays Extolling Hitler To Pep Up Morale

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.

—Pfc. Ilya S. Livney, of Chicago PW interrogator with a battalion of the 91st Inf. Div., has learned that some German commanders are requiring their troops to read essays extolling the virtues of Hitler and the Nazi Party in an effort to bolster their wavering morale on the 5th Army front in Italy.

Some of the eulogies found on German prisoners funneled through the prisoner of war enclosure were: "Hitler, Our Fuehrer," "Mein Kampf, An Essay," and "Mission of the S. A." (The S. A. is Hitler's elite guard).

Even officers are required to compose treatises on the subject. Livney said prisoners he interrogated were not particularly heartened by their efforts.

Earns Awards Quickly

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—During

the Italian campaign in the period from D-day plus seven and ending two months after the landing at Salerno, Lt. Ralph Brown, now stationed here won the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and the Purple Heart with Co. A, 92nd Inf. Tng. Bn.

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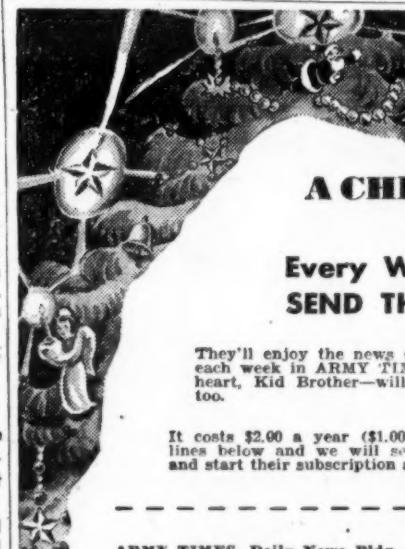
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Repatriate 700,000

WASHINGTON.—A Belgian repatriation commission has been set up to arrange for the return home of some 700,000 Belgians displaced by the war, the Brussels home radio said in a broadcast reported by the Federal Communications Commission.

By Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AAF

he Mess Line

followed her five blocks or more with ever quickening pace
her figure was divine
last I saw her face.

Now I'm armed with a great big club
and blood is in my eye
in looking for the guy who said
that figures never lie.

They call her Alma Mater —
she's educated a lot of boys.

Tenderly he pushed her quivering shoulders against the chair. She had beseeching eyes in which love and fear were struggling. From her parted lips the breath came in short wrenching gasps. Reassuringly he smiled at her. Bzzzzz-zzzz-z went the dentist's drill.

To her, dating is like a drug —
she takes one dope after another!

Little Audrey and her sister Sue went dancing with two sailors. These nautical gentry were unfortunately guilty of B. O. and because of this or other causes, sister Sue fainted. Someone in the crowd yelled for smelling salts, but little Audrey laughed and laughed because she knew they were already there.

Whenever I hear of a bigamy case it always fills me with awe
To think of anyone brave enough
To take on two mothers-in-law.

Little paycheck, by tonight
I'll be where the lights are bright
At some gaily festive spot
I'll return, but you will not.

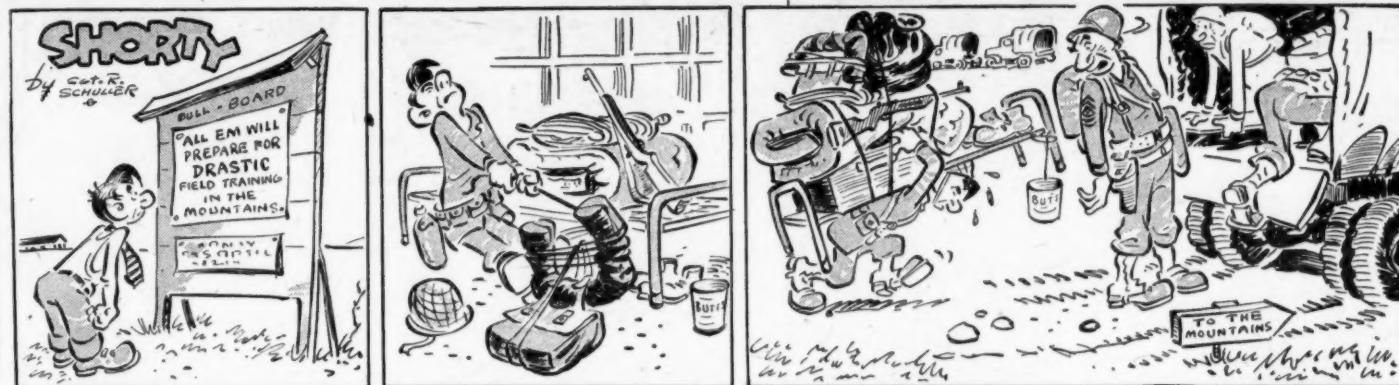
Most soldiers believe that more boasts should be given to the girl who steals, lies and swears—steals into your arms, lies there and wears she loves you.

Love me honey?—Deed I do.
Iss me honey?—mmmm 'fraid to.
old honey?—about to freeze.
Want my coat?—No just the sleeves.

The intelligent girl is one who knows how to refuse a kiss without being deprived of it.

PRIVATE'S PRAYER — "Oh Lord, please distribute the enemy's shots like the pay—mostly among the officers."

Then there was the moron who thought Harry Carey was a guy who was killing the Japs by the thousands single handed.



"Ya don't get combat pay 'cause ya don't fight."

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Soldier Shows

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained, rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment."

Attributed to General John J. Pershing.

In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contributes items on Soldier Shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in these items you will find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

CAIRO CLAMBAKE

MIDDLE EAST—An elaborate musical revue, "Sandsations of 1944," with a company of 150 and a half dozen large-scale production numbers, recently made its Middle East bow at Ewart Memorial Hall, under the banner of the Camp Huckstep Special Service Office. GIs, WACs, and Allied personnel made up the exceptionally talented and versatile acting, singing and dancing company. Among the production numbers in the show was one staged around "Egyptian Moon," an original tune by the show's director (a Special Services Officer), who also doubled as soloist in selling his song to his GI audience. Another musical highlight was an act called "Saturday Jump," a sizzling jitterbug ensemble number featuring a hot trumpet man who made with the hot licks as he accompanied the dancers from his perch atop a high upstage pedestal. The Yugoslav Mixed Choir of eighty voices made a strong Allied contribution as it presented a stirring group of its national songs and folk tunes. The distaff side of the cast, the WACs, not only acted in the show's several comedy sketches—they also starred in a fashion parade of their own design. It was called "Postwar Fashions" and showed the assembled Middle Easterners that the humble GI khaki can be redesigned into numerous bizarre types of haberdashery never conceived of in the QM's wildest dreams. All in all, "Sandsations of 1944" was a grand show that will be the talk of the Middle East for at least the duration and six.

GI SUMMER STOCK

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—Orchids to the McClellan Players, a GI stock company that has made this past summer a mighty enjoyable one for the personnel of Anniston's Fort McClellan. After opening their season last July with the English chiller, "Night Must Fall," the Players set up and maintained a summer-long schedule of plays that have aided tremendously in morale-building activities among the troops at that Alabama installation. August saw a brace of fine productions: "Papa Is All," that hilarious picture of a termagant father in the Pennsylvania Dutch country, and "Twin Beds," a favorite stock vehicle for lo, these many years. "Springtime For Henry," in which Edward Everett Horton toured with great success a season or two ago, ushered in the September theatrics. The four shows were done in the McClellan Playhouse, a reconverted open-air movie theater that has undergone wondrous changes under the saws and hammers of the industrious GI producers responsible for the highly successful McClellan stock company.

RECIPROCITY

LUKE FIELD, Ariz.—The monotony of life at Phoenix's Luke Field was broken last September when a caravan of GI performers, sixty strong trekked all the way from Tucson's Marana Army Field to present a sparkling and swiftly paced variety show entitled, "Opened By Mistake." As one Luke scribe put it, "It was no mistake in entertainment. It was the first all-soldier show seen at Luke Field in many months and received an enthusiastic reception from a big GI audience." So terrific was the show that it had dual repercussions: it not only entertained the Luke Fieldians, it inspired them to produce a show of their own. Hence, rehearsals are now under way for "GI Jitters," an extravaganza that will boast a cast of eighty and three bands; the Stardusters, post dance



VILLAINS in such thrillers as "Reckless Age" and "The Fugitive" can hardly be blamed for their diabolical scheming when the prize is so pretty a miss as Gloria Jean, starred in the pictures by Universal.

Rights of Dependents To be Told in Course

FORT BENNING, Ga.—A novel orientation course for the wives and dependents of military personnel is being launched here as a laboratory experiment and may eventually mushroom into a nation-wide program of instruction.

The primary purpose of the course will be to conduct the program as a laboratory experiment upon which the Women's Volunteer Committee can direct training and education that will set forth completely and in detail the rights, duties, privileges and responsibilities of dependents of military personnel both now and in the post-war world.

The course of instruction will be divided into four categories, and pertinent information on the vari-

ous phases will be disseminated. The phases are: (a) While the family is still together—until he is ordered away; (b) While he is away; (c) When he returns, a veteran; (d) If he does not come back.

Nationally known speakers are being invited to take part in the four phases of the course and express their professional advice to the Army wives.

Mrs. Clella Reeves Collins, author and social worker, wife of an Army officer at Fort Benning, is being instrumental in working up the program. Mrs. Collins is the author of several books, including "When Your Son Goes to War" and of a forthcoming publication, "When He Comes Home."

Likes to Fight for Hell of It, Outfit Dubs Him 'Fire Mission'

WITH THE 8TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE.—Legends will bear checking, but there's one of real flesh and blood proportions here in the 8th Infantry Division, whose own men will talk your arm off in eulogy.

He is 1st Lt. Roy W. Perry, of Brookline, Mass., skilled with nine weapons, who has been known to fire the lot at the enemy in the progress of a fight. He blows ammunition dumps, dabbles in artillery and on one occasion individually maintained fire after one mortar squad had been completely knocked out. His boys have dubbed him "Fire Mission," and testify that he likes to fight for the sheer hell of it.

Lt. Perry's exploits commenced at Le Haye du Puits and have been heard of throughout the Brest and Crozon campaigns, where he fought with "A" Company of the 28th Infantry Regiment. By choice he prefers the bazooka. A story is told of an ammunition dump that proved a particular thorn in the side of his battalion as it attempted to advance. Perry conceived the idea of burning it down with a .50-caliber machine gun loaded with tracer, armor-piercing and incendiary ammunition. After securing a .50-caliber MG from a jeep and

carrying it up to the position he had selected, he attempted to execute his plan. The machine gun, however, failed to function properly, and he hand-pumped some 60 rounds into the dump with no apparent results. Irritated, he grabbed a bazooka and fired one shot that erased the troublesome ammo dump.

Once he happened upon a German 41-mm anti-tank gun, abandoned intact, and he turned it upon its former owners with devastating effect. In off moments, he often can be located at some artillery battery, attempting to persuade the gun crew to allow him to fire the 105's. Just for the fun of it.

QUIZ ANSWERS

(See "Army Quiz," page 6)

1. C.
2. Transylvania.
3. C.
4. Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney.
5. C. The War Department says the blood is frequently used within 24 hours of the time it leaves the United States.

6. B. This includes 1,500,000,000 pounds stored in the United States and 1,100,000,000 kept at overseas bases.

7. C.

8. K Kompany Kraut Killers. To be included in the membership a soldier must have killed at least five Germans, this vouches for by his platoon commander.

9. A. Of these 66 2-3 per cent return to duty.

10. 60-6.

Mighty Tough Break

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Free train service from Camp Gordon Johnston to Tallahassee recently was inaugurated, ironically coming at a time when passes to the Capital City became restricted to a 10 per cent quota throughout the entire Camp because of disturbances in Tallahassee, partly caused by overcrowding.

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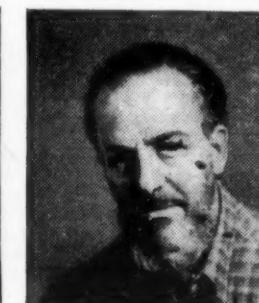
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